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**Product comprising at least one Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor  
in combination with at least one other anti-cancer agent**

A subject of the present invention is a product comprising at least one Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor in combination with at least one other anti-cancer agent for a therapeutic use which is simultaneous, separate or spread over time in the treatment of cancer.

- 5 Control of the transition between the different phases of the cell cycle during mitosis or meiosis is ensured by a group of proteins the enzyme activities of which are associated with different states of phosphorylation. These states are controlled by two large classes of enzymes: kinases and phosphatases.

Synchronization of the different phases of the cell cycle thus allows reorganization of the cell architecture at each cycle in the whole of the living world (microorganisms, yeast, vertebrates, plants). Among the kinases, the cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs) play a major role in this control of the cell cycle. The enzyme activity of these different CDKs is controlled by two other families of enzymes which work in opposition (Jesus and Ozon, Prog. Cell Cycle Res. (1995), 1, 215-228). The first includes kinases such as Wee1 and Mik1 which deactivate the CDKs by phosphorylating certain amino acids (Den Haese et al., Mol. Biol. Cell (1995), 6, 371-385). The second includes phosphatases such as Cdc25 which activate the CDKs by dephosphorylating tyrosine and threonine residues of CDKs (Gould et al., Science (1990), 250, 1573-1576).

20 The phosphatases are classified in 3 groups: the serine/threonine phosphatases (PPases), the tyrosine phosphatases (PTPases) and the dual-specificity phosphatases (DSPases). These phosphatases play an important role in the regulation of numerous cell functions.

As regards human Cdc25 phosphatases, 3 genes (Cdc25-A, Cdc25-B and Cdc25-C) code for the Cdc25 proteins. Moreover, variants originating from alternative splicing of the Cdc25 genes have been identified (cf. for example Baldin et al., Oncogene (1997), 14, 2485-2495).

25 The role of the Cdc25 phosphatases in oncogenesis is now better known and the action mechanisms of these phosphatases are illustrated in particular in the following references: Galaktionov et al., Science (1995), 269, 1575-1577; Galaktionov et al., Nature (1996), 382, 511-517; and Mailand et al., Science (2000), 288, 1425-1429.

In particular, the overexpression of the different forms of Cdc25 is now reported in numerous series of human tumours:

- Breast cancer: cf. Cangi et al., *Résumé 2984, AACR meeting San Francisco, 2000*);
- Lymphomas: cf. Hernandez et al., *Int. J. Cancer* (2000), **89**, 148-152 and Hernandez et al., *Cancer Res.* (1998), **58**, 1762-1767;
- Cancers of the neck and head: cf. Gasparotto et al., *Cancer Res.* (1997), **57**, 2366-2368.

Moreover, E. Sausville's group reports an inverse correlation between the level of expression of Cdc25-B in a panel of 60 lines and their sensitivities to CDK inhibitors, suggesting that the presence of Cdc25 can bring a resistance to certain antineoplastic agents and more particularly to CDK inhibitors (Hose et al., *Proceedings of AACR*, Abstract 3571, San Francisco, 2000).

Among other targets, the pharmaceutical industry is therefore at present researching compounds capable of inhibiting the Cdc25 phosphatases in order to use them in particular as anti-cancer agents.

The invention relates to a product comprising at least one Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor in combination with at least one other anti-cancer agent for a therapeutic use which is simultaneous, separate, or spread over time in the treatment of cancer.

Preferably, the invention will relate to a product comprising a Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor in combination with at least one other anti-cancer agent for a therapeutic use which is simultaneous, separate or spread over time in the treatment of cancer.

By simultaneous therapeutic use, is meant in the present Application an administration of several active ingredients by the same route and at the same moment. By separate use, is meant in particular an administration of several active ingredients at approximately the same moment by different routes. By therapeutic use spread over time, is meant an administration of several active ingredients at different times and in particular an administration method according to which the administration of one of the active ingredients is carried out in its entirety before the administration of the other or others begins. One of the active ingredients can thus be administered over several months before administering the other active ingredient or the other active ingredients. There is no simultaneous treatment in this case.

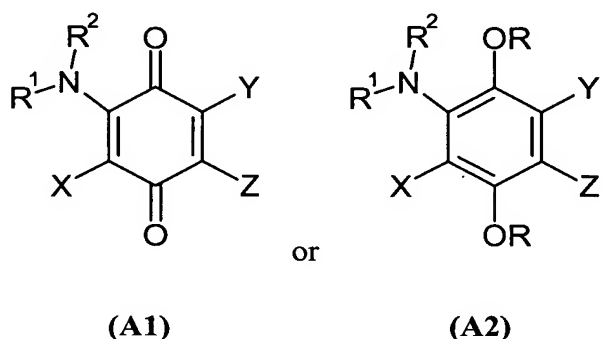
According to the invention, the anti-cancer agent combined with the Cdc25 phosphatase is preferably such that it acts according to a route other than the Cdc25 phosphatases. In

particular, said combined anti-cancer agent will have an inhibitory concentration  $IC_{50}$  of at least 50  $\mu M$  relative to the Cdc25 phosphatases or will have another activity with a  $IC_{50}$  dose at least 10 times weaker relative to that of the Cdc25 phosphatases. Preferably, the combination produced according to the invention is such that it presents a synergy.

According to the invention, the Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor is preferably chosen from derivatives of benzothiazole-4,7-diones and benzooxazole-4,7-diones corresponding to general formula (I) defined below.

A certain number of derivatives of benzothiazole-4,7-diones and of benzooxazole-4,7-diones are already known.

In particular, the patent GB 1 534 275 relates to herbicides the active ingredient of which is a compound corresponding to one of the general formulae



in which:

R<sup>1</sup> represents in particular a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or cycloalkyl radical;

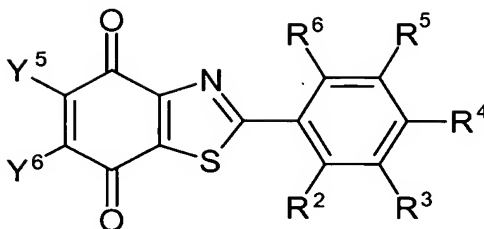
R<sup>2</sup> represents in particular a hydrogen atom, an alkyl or cycloalkyl radical;

X represents in particular a halogen atom or an alkoxy radical;

Y and Z can in particular represent together with the carbon atoms which carry them a thiazole ring optionally substituted by an alkyl radical; and

R represents in particular an alkyl radical.

Moreover, the PCT Patent Application WO 99/32115 describes the compounds of general formula (A3)



(A3)

in which:

the substituents R<sup>2</sup>-R<sup>6</sup> are chosen from the group constituted by a hydrogen atom, electron donor substituents, electron attractor substituents and electron modulator substituents;

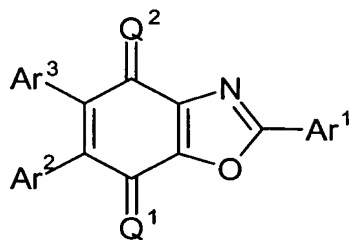
- 5 and Y<sup>5</sup> and Y<sup>6</sup> are in particular chosen from the group constituted by a hydrogen atom, electron donor substituents, electron attractor substituents and electron modulator substituents.

In the PCT Patent Application WO 99/32115, the term "electron-donor substituent" refers to a functional group having a tendency to donate electron density; the substituents alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl are mentioned. In this Patent Application, "electron-attracting substituents" always refers to a functional group having a tendency to attract electron density; the cyano, acyl, carbonyl, fluoro, nitro, sulphonyl and trihalomethyl substituents are mentioned. Finally, an "electron-modulating substituent" is defined in this Application as a functional group having a tendency to modulate the electron density, which can both attract and donate electrons and is therefore such that it can stabilize a cationic intermediate in an aromatic electrophilic substitution reaction; a functional group is mentioned, including, for example, amino (for example -NH<sub>2</sub>, alkylamino or dialkylamino), hydroxy, alkoxy or aryl substituents, heterocyclic substituents, halogen atoms, etc.

- 20 The compounds of general formula (A3) are presented as modulators of the ryanodine receptors which can be used as pesticides or as therapeutic agents, for example in the treatment of congestive heart failure, migraines, hypertension, Parkinson's disease or Alzheimer's disease or in the prevention of miscarriage.



Finally, the derivatives of benzoxazole-4,7-diones of general formula (A4)

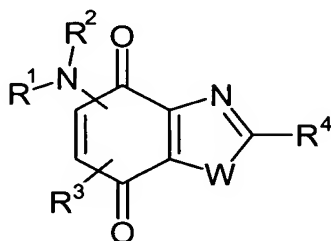


(A4)

in which:

Ar<sup>1</sup> represents an optionally substituted aryl radical,  
 each of Ar<sup>2</sup> and Ar<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted aryl radical,  
 5 and  
 each of Q<sup>1</sup> and Q<sup>2</sup> represents in particular O,  
 are described as active constituents of light-sensitive layers of photoreceptors.

In the PCT Patent Application FR02/04544, the Applicant described the compounds corresponding to the general formula (I)



(I)

10 in which:

R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, cycloalkyl,  
 -(CH<sub>2</sub>)-X-Y, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)-Z-NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup> radical or a -CHR<sup>35</sup>R<sup>36</sup> radical in which R<sup>35</sup> and R<sup>36</sup> form  
 together with the carbon atom which carries them an indanyl or tetralinyl radical, or also  
 R<sup>35</sup> and R<sup>36</sup> form together with the carbon atom which carries them a saturated  
 15 heterocycle containing 5 to 7 members and from 1 to 2 heteroatoms chosen from O, N  
 and S, the nitrogen atoms of said heterocycle being optionally substituted by radicals  
 chosen from the alkyl radicals and the benzyl radical,

R<sup>1</sup> also being able, when W represents O, to represent moreover a carbocyclic aryl radical optionally substituted from 1 to 3 times by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl, haloalkyl or alkoxy radical,

5 X representing a bond or a linear or branched alkylene radical containing 1 to 5 carbon atoms,

Y representing a saturated carbon-containing cyclic system containing 1 to 3 condensed rings chosen independently from rings with 3 to 7 members, or Y representing a saturated heterocycle containing 1 to 2 heteroatoms chosen independently from O, N and S and attached to the X radical by an N or CH member, said saturated heterocycle  
10 containing moreover 2 to 6 additional members chosen independently from -CHR<sup>7</sup>-, -CO-, -NR<sup>8</sup>-, -O- and -S-, R<sup>7</sup> representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical and R<sup>8</sup> representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or aralkyl radical, or also Y representing a carbocyclic or heterocyclic aryl radical optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by substituents chosen independently from the group constituted by a halogen atom, an  
15 alkyl radical, a haloalkyl radical, an alkoxy radical, a haloalkoxy radical, a hydroxy radical, a nitro radical, a cyano radical, the phenyl radical, an SO<sub>2</sub>NHR<sup>9</sup> radical and an NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup> radical, R<sup>9</sup> representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or phenyl radical, and R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> independently representing alkyl radicals,

Z representing a bond or a linear or branched alkylene radical containing 1 to 5 carbon  
20 atoms,

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> being chosen independently from a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, aralkyl or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-OH radical in which n represents an integer from 1 to 6,

or R<sup>5</sup> representing an alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkoxycarbonyl or aralkoxycarbonyl radical and R<sup>6</sup> representing a hydrogen atom or a methyl radical,

25 or also R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> forming together with the nitrogen atom a heterocycle with 4 to 7 members comprising 1 to 2 heteroatoms, the members necessary to complete the heterocycle being chosen independently from the -CR<sup>12</sup>R<sup>13</sup>-, -O-, -S- and -NR<sup>14</sup>- radicals, R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> representing independently each time that they occur a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, and R<sup>14</sup> representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or  
30 aralkyl radical, or also R<sup>14</sup> representing a phenyl radical optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl or alkoxy radical,

R<sup>2</sup> representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or aralkyl radical;

or also R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> forming together with the nitrogen atom a heterocycle with 4 to 8  
35 members comprising 1 to 2 heteroatoms, the members necessary to complete the heterocycle being chosen independently from the -CR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>-, -O-, -S- and -NR<sup>17</sup>- radicals, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> representing independently each time that they occur a

hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, and  $R^{17}$  representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or aralkyl radical;

$R^3$  represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, or an alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or alkylthio radical;

- 5  $R^4$  represents an alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cyano, amino,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOR}^{18}$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CO-NR}^{19}\text{R}^{20}$  or  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-NR}^{21}\text{R}^{22}$  radical, or  $R^4$  represents a carbocyclic or heterocyclic aryl radical optionally substituted 1 to 4 times by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy or  $\text{NR}^{37}\text{R}^{38}$  radical, or also  $R^4$  represents a phenyl radical possessing two  
10 substituents which form together a methylenedioxy or ethylenedioxy radical,  $R^{18}$  representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical,  $R^{19}$  representing a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or an aralkyl radical the aryl group of which is optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by substituents chosen independently from the group constituted by a halogen atom, an alkyl radical, a haloalkyl radical, an alkoxy  
15 radical, a haloalkoxy radical, a hydroxy radical, a nitro radical, a cyano radical, the phenyl radical, an  $\text{SO}_2\text{NHR}^{23}$  radical and an  $\text{NR}^{24}\text{R}^{25}$  radical,  $R^{23}$  representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or phenyl radical, and  $R^{24}$  and  $R^{25}$  independently representing alkyl radicals,  $R^{20}$  representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical,  
20 or also  $R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  forming together with the nitrogen atom a heterocycle with 4 to 7 members comprising 1 to 2 heteroatoms, the members necessary to complete the heterocycle being chosen independently from the  $-\text{CR}^{26}\text{R}^{27}-$ ,  $-\text{O}-$ ,  $-\text{S}-$  and  $-\text{NR}^{28}-$  radicals,  $R^{26}$  and  $R^{27}$  representing independently each time that they occur a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, and  $R^{28}$  representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or  
25 aralkyl radical, or also  $R^{28}$  representing a phenyl radical optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl or alkoxy radical,  $R^{21}$  representing a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or an aralkyl radical the aryl group of which is optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by substituents chosen independently from  
30 the group constituted by a halogen atom, an alkyl radical, a haloalkyl radical, an alkoxy radical, a haloalkoxy radical, a hydroxy radical, a nitro radical, a cyano radical, the phenyl radical, an  $\text{SO}_2\text{NHR}^{29}$  radical and an  $\text{NR}^{30}\text{R}^{31}$  radical,  $R^{29}$  representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or phenyl radical, and  $R^{30}$  and  $R^{31}$  independently representing alkyl radicals,  
35  $R^{22}$  representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or also  $R^{21}$  and  $R^{22}$  forming together with the nitrogen atom a heterocycle with 4 to 7 members comprising 1 to 2 heteroatoms, the members necessary to complete the

heterocycle being chosen independently from the  $-CR^{32}R^{33}-$ ,  $-O-$ ,  $-S-$  and  $-NR^{34}-$  radicals,  $R^{32}$  and  $R^{33}$  independently representing each time that they occur a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, and  $R^{34}$  representing a hydrogen atom, an alkyl or aralkyl radical, or also  $R^{34}$  representing a phenyl radical optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl or alkoxy radical,

$R^{37}$  and  $R^{38}$  being chosen independently from a hydrogen atom and an alkyl radical or  $R^{37}$  and  $R^{38}$  forming together with the nitrogen atom a heterocycle with 4 to 7 members comprising 1 to 2 heteroatoms, the members necessary to complete the heterocycle being chosen independently from the  $-CR^{39}R^{40}-$ ,  $-O-$ ,  $-S-$  and  $-NR^{41}-$  radicals,  $R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  independently representing each time that they occur a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, and  $R^{41}$  representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical; and

W represents O or S;

or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of compounds of general formula (I) defined above

as Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitors, and in particular Cdc25-C phosphatase and/or of CD 45 phosphatase inhibitors. Said compounds can therefore be used for preparing a medicament intended to inhibit Cdc25 phosphatases, and in particular Cdc25-C phosphatase, and/or CD 45 phosphatase.

By alkyl, unless specified otherwise, is meant a linear or branched alkyl radical containing 1 to 12 carbon atoms, preferably 1 to 10 carbon atoms and more preferentially 1 to 8 carbon atoms (and in particular 1 to 6 carbon atoms). By lower alkyl, unless specified otherwise, is meant a linear or branched alkyl radical containing 1 to 6 carbon atoms. By cycloalkyl, unless specified otherwise, is meant a cycloalkyl radical containing 3 to 7 carbon atoms. By carbocyclic or heterocyclic aryl, is meant a carbocyclic or heterocyclic system with 1 to 3 condensed rings comprising at least one aromatic ring, a system being said to be heterocyclic when at least one of the rings which forms it comprises a heteroatom (O, N or S); when a carbocyclic or heterocyclic aryl radical is said to be substituted unless it is specified otherwise, it is meant that said carbocyclic or heterocyclic aryl radical is substituted 1 to 3 times, and preferably 1 to 2 times by radicals different to a hydrogen atom which, if they are not specified, are chosen from a halogen atom and the alkyl or alkoxy radicals; moreover, unless otherwise specified, by aryl is meant a carbocyclic aryl exclusively. By haloalkyl, is

meant an alkyl radical of which at least one (and optionally all) of the hydrogen atoms is replaced by a halogen atom.

By cycloalkylalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy and aralkyl radicals, is meant respectively the cycloalkylalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy and aralkyl radicals, the  
5 alkyl, cycloalkyl and aryl radicals of which have the meanings indicated previously.

When it is indicated that a radical is optionally substituted 1 to 3 times, it is preferably optionally substituted 1 to 2 times and more preferentially optionally substituted once.

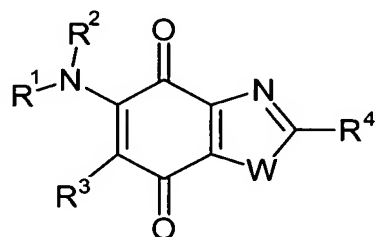
By linear or branched alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, is meant in particular the methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl and tert-butyl, pentyl,  
10 neopentyl, isopentyl, hexyl, isohexyl radicals. By haloalkyl, is meant in particular the trifluoromethyl radical. By haloalkoxy, is meant in particular the trifluoromethoxy radical. By carbocyclic aryl, is meant in particular the phenyl and naphthyl radicals. By aralkyl, is meant in particular the phenylalkyl radicals, and in particular the benzyl radical. By saturated carbon-containing cyclic system containing 1 to 3 condensed rings  
15 chosen independently from rings with 3 to 7 members, is meant in particular the cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclohexyl and adamantyl radicals. By heterocyclic aryl or heteroaryl, is meant in particular the thienyl, furannyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl and pyridyl radicals. Finally, by halogen, is meant the fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine atoms.

20 By pharmaceutically acceptable salt, is meant in particular the addition salts with inorganic acids such as hydrochloride, hydrobromide, hydroiodide, sulphate, phosphate, diphosphate and nitrate or with organic acids such as acetate, maleate, fumarate, tartrate, succinate, citrate, lactate, methanesulphonate, p-toluenesulphonate, pamoate and stearate. Also included in the scope of the present invention, when they can be  
25 used, are the salts formed from bases such as sodium or potassium hydroxide. For other examples of pharmaceutically acceptable salts, reference can be made to "Salt selection for basic drugs", *Int. J. Pharm.* (1986), **33**, 201-217.

In certain cases, the compounds of general formula (I) can contain asymmetrical carbon atoms. As a result, the compounds according to the present invention have two possible  
30 enantiomeric forms, i.e. the "R" and "S" configurations. The present invention includes the two enantiomeric forms and any combinations of these forms, including the racemic "RS" mixtures. For the sake of simplicity, when no specific configuration is indicated in the structural formulae, it should be understood that the two enantiomeric forms and their mixtures are represented.

The products according to the present invention comprising a compound of general formula **(I)** also generally present four variants :

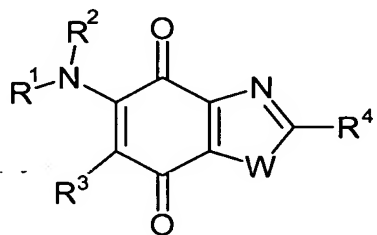
- according to a first variant, the compounds of general formula **(I)** which correspond also to the general sub-formula **(I)<sub>1</sub>**



**(I)<sub>1</sub>**

- 5 in which W represents S and R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> have the same meaning as in general formula **(I)**, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, are the compounds of general formula **(I)** included in the product of the invention;

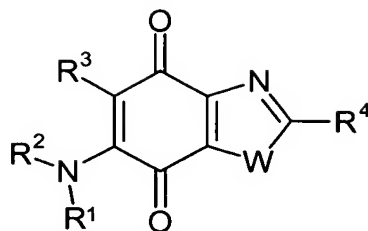
- according to a second variant, the compounds of general formula **(I)** which also correspond to the general sub-formula **(I)<sub>2</sub>**



**(I)<sub>2</sub>**

- 10 in which W represents O and R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> have the same meaning as in general formula **(I)**, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, are the compounds of general formula **(I)** included in the product of the invention;

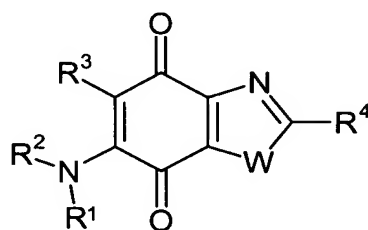
- according to a third variant, the compounds of general formula **(I)** which also correspond to the general sub-formula **(I)<sub>3</sub>**



(I)<sub>3</sub>

in which W represents S and R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> have the same meaning as in general formula (I), or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, are the compounds of general formula (I) included in the product of the invention; and

- 5 - according to a fourth variant, the compounds of general formula (I) which also correspond to the general sub-formula (I)<sub>4</sub>



(I)<sub>4</sub>

in which W represents O and R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> have the same meaning as in general formula (I), or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, are the compounds of general formula (I) included in the product of the invention.

- 10 The invention relates in particular therefore to the products mentioned previously comprising at least one compound chosen from the compounds of general formula (I)<sub>1</sub> or (I)<sub>2</sub>, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts. Similarly, the invention relates to the products mentioned previously comprising at least one compound chosen from the compounds of general formula (I)<sub>3</sub> or (I)<sub>4</sub>, or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

- 15 Preferably, the compounds of general formula (I), (I)<sub>1</sub>, (I)<sub>2</sub>, (I)<sub>3</sub> or (I)<sub>4</sub> included in a product according to the invention will have at least one of the following characteristics:

- R<sup>1</sup> representing an alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)-X-Y, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)-Z-NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup> or -CHR<sup>35</sup>R<sup>36</sup> radical;

- $R^2$  representing a hydrogen atom or the methyl, ethyl or benzyl radical;
  - $R^1$  and  $R^2$  forming together with the nitrogen atom a heterocycle with 4 to 8 members (preferably 5 to 7 members, and in particular 6 members) comprising 1 to 2 heteroatoms (and preferably 2 heteroatoms), the members necessary to complete the heterocycle being chosen independently from the  $-CH_2-$ ,  
5  $-O-$  and  $-NR^{17}$  radicals (and preferably from the  $-CH_2-$  and  $-NR^{17}-$  radicals),  $R^{17}$  representing a methyl or benzyl radical;
  - $R^3$  representing a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl, alkoxy or alkylthio radical;
  - 10 •  $R^4$  representing an alkyl,  $-CH_2-COOR^{18}$  or  $-CH_2-CO-NR^{19}R^{20}$  or  $-CH_2-NR^{21}R^{22}$  radical or also a carbocyclic or heterocyclic aryl radical optionally substituted 1 to 4 times (and in particular 1 to 3 times) by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or  $NR^{37}R^{38}$  radical.
- 15 Generally, for a product according to the invention, the compounds of general formula (I) are preferred in which W represents a sulphur atom. Another useful alternative for a product according to the invention consists nevertheless of including the compounds of general formula (I) in which W represents an oxygen atom.
- Moreover, the X radical will preferably represent a bond or a linear alkylene radical  
20 containing 1 to 5 carbon atoms. Also preferably, the Y radical will represent a saturated carbon-containing cyclic system containing 1 to 3 condensed rings chosen independently from rings with 3 to 7 members, or Y will represent a carbocyclic aryl radical optionally substituted (preferably optionally substituted by 1 to 3 radicals chosen from a halogen atom and an alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy,  $SO_2NHR^9$  or  $NR^{10}R^{11}$   
25 radical, and more preferentially optionally substituted by 1 to 3 radicals chosen from a halogen atom and an alkyl, alkoxy,  $SO_2NHR^9$  or  $NR^{10}R^{11}$  radical) or also Y will represent an optionally substituted heterocyclic aryl radical, said heterocyclic aryl radical being preferably chosen from the aryl radicals with 5 members (and in particular from the imidazolyl, thienyl or pyridinyl radicals) and preferably optionally substituted  
30 by 1 to 3 radicals chosen from a halogen atom and an alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy,  $SO_2NHR^9$  or  $NR^{10}R^{11}$  radical, and more preferentially optionally substituted by 1 to 3 radicals chosen from a halogen atom and an alkyl, alkoxy,  $SO_2NHR^9$  or  $NR^{10}R^{11}$  radical;  $R^9$  will preferably represent a hydrogen atom and  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  will preferably represent radicals chosen independently from the alkyl radicals. The  
35 Z radical will preferably represent an alkylene radical containing 1 to 5 carbon atoms,



and in particular a  $-(CH_2)_p-$  radical in which  $p$  represents an integer from 1 to 3 ( $p$  preferably being equal to 1 or 2 and more preferentially equal to 1). Also preferably,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are chosen independently from a hydrogen atom and an alkyl radical, or also  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  form together with the nitrogen atom which carries them a heterocycle with 4 to 7 members comprising 1 to 2 heteroatoms, said heterocycle then preferably being one of the azetidiny, pyrrolidiny, piperidiny, piperaziny, homopiperaziny, morpholiny and thiomorpholiny radicals optionally substituted by 1 to 3 alkyl radicals (and preferably by 1 to 3 methyl radicals); even more preferentially,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  will be chosen independently from alkyl or alkoxy carbonyl radicals (and in particular  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  will each be a methyl or *tert*-butoxy carbonyl radical) or  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  form together with the nitrogen atom which carries them a heterocycle with 4 to 7 members comprising 1 to 2 heteroatoms, said heterocycle then preferably being one of the azetidiny, pyrrolidiny, piperidiny, piperaziny, homopiperaziny, morpholiny and thiomorpholiny radicals optionally substituted by 1 to 3 alkyl radicals (and preferably by 1 to 3 methyl radicals).  $R^{18}$  will preferably represent a hydrogen atom or the methyl or ethyl radical.

Moreover, the  $R^7$ ,  $R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{15}$ ,  $R^{16}$ ,  $R^{26}$ ,  $R^{27}$ ,  $R^{39}$  and  $R^{40}$  radicals are preferably chosen independently from a hydrogen atom and a methyl radical and the  $R^8$ ,  $R^{14}$ ,  $R^{17}$ ,  $R^{28}$  and  $R^{41}$  radicals are preferably chosen independently from a hydrogen atom and a methyl or benzyl radical.

Moreover, as regards  $R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$ , the case in which  $R^{19}$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a benzyl radical and  $R^{20}$  represents a hydrogen atom or the methyl radical will be preferred, as well as those in which  $R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  form together with the nitrogen atom which carries them a heterocycle with 4 to 7 members comprising 1 to 2 heteroatoms, said heterocycle then preferably being one of the azetidiny, pyrrolidiny, piperidiny, piperaziny, homopiperaziny, morpholiny and thiomorpholiny radicals optionally substituted by 1 to 3 alkyl radicals (and preferably optionally substituted by 1 to 3 methyl radicals).

Moreover, as regards  $R^{21}$  and  $R^{22}$ , the cases in which  $R^{21}$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a benzyl radical and  $R^{22}$  represents a hydrogen atom or the methyl radical, as well as those in which  $R^{21}$  and  $R^{22}$  form together with the nitrogen atom which carries them a heterocycle with 4 to 7 members comprising 1 to 2 heteroatoms, said heterocycle then preferably being one of the optionally substituted azetidiny, pyrrolidiny, piperidiny, piperaziny, homopiperaziny, morpholiny and thiomorpholiny radicals are preferred. As regards the corresponding  $R^{32}$ ,  $R^{33}$  and  $R^{34}$  radicals, these are preferably such that  $R^{32}$  and  $R^{33}$  are chosen independently from a hydrogen atom and an alkyl radical and preferably from a hydrogen atom and a methyl

radical ( $R^{32}$  and  $R^{33}$  still more preferentially both representing hydrogen atoms) and that  $R^{34}$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical or a phenyl radical optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl or alkoxy radical ( $R^{34}$  still more preferentially representing a hydrogen atom or a methyl or phenyl radical).

Moreover, as regards  $R^{35}$  and  $R^{36}$ , the cases in which  $R^{35}$  and  $R^{36}$  form together with the atom of carbon which carries them an indanyl radical or  $R^{35}$  and  $R^{36}$  form together with the carbon atom which carries them a saturated heterocycle containing 5 to 7 members and 1 to 2 heteroatoms chosen from O, N and S, the nitrogen atoms of said heterocycle being optionally substituted by radicals chosen from the alkyl radicals and the benzyl radical are preferred.

Moreover, as regards  $R^{37}$  and  $R^{38}$ , the cases in which  $R^{37}$  and  $R^{38}$  independently represent radicals chosen from the alkyl radicals are preferred.

Finally, when  $R^4$  is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic aryl radical optionally substituted 1 to 4 times, it is preferred that it is chosen from the group consisting of carbocyclic and heterocyclic aryl radicals optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy or  $NR^{37}R^{38}$  radical (and in particular 1 to 3 times by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or haloalkoxy radical) and the 2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl radical. More preferentially, when  $R^4$  is a carbocyclic or heterocyclic aryl radical optionally substituted 1 to 4 times,  $R^4$  is chosen from the group consisting of carbocyclic and heterocyclic aryl radicals optionally substituted 1 to 2 times by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom, an alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy or  $NR^{37}R^{38}$  radical (and in particular 1 to 2 times by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy or haloalkoxy radical), a 3,4,5-trihalophenyl radical and the 2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl radical.

More preferentially, the compounds of general formula (I), (I)<sub>1</sub>, (I)<sub>2</sub>, (I)<sub>3</sub> or (I)<sub>4</sub> included in a product according to the invention will have at least one of the following characteristics :

- $R^1$  representing an alkyl, cycloalkyl, or  $-(CH_2)-Z-NR^5R^6$  radical;
- $R^2$  representing a hydrogen atom or the methyl radical;
- $R^3$  representing a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or the methoxy radical;

- $R^4$  representing an alkyl,  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}^{21}\text{R}^{22}$  radical, or also a carbocyclic or heterocyclic aryl radical optionally substituted 1 to 4 times (and in particular 1 to 3 times) by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl, or  $\text{NR}^{37}\text{R}^{38}$  radical.
- 5 Still more preferentially, the compounds of general formula (I), (I)<sub>1</sub>, (I)<sub>2</sub>, (I)<sub>3</sub> or (I)<sub>4</sub> included in a product according to the invention will have at least one of the following characteristics:
- $R^1$  representing a  $-(\text{CH}_2)-\text{Z}-\text{NR}^5\text{R}^6$  radical;
  - $R^2$  representing a hydrogen atom;
- 10 •  $R^3$  representing a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom (said halogen atom being preferably a chlorine or bromine atom);
- $R^4$  representing an alkyl radical or also a phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl or furannyl radical optionally substituted by 1 to 4 (preferably 1 to 3) halogen atoms or by an  $\text{NR}^{37}\text{R}^{38}$  radical.
- 15 Still more preferentially, the compounds of general formula (I), (I)<sub>1</sub>, (I)<sub>2</sub>, (I)<sub>3</sub> or (I)<sub>4</sub> included in a product according to the invention will have at least one of the following characteristics:
- $R^3$  representing a hydrogen atom or a chlorine atom (and more preferentially a hydrogen atom);
- 20 •  $R^4$  representing an alkyl radical or also a phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl furannyl radical optionally substituted by 1 to 4 (preferably 1 to 3) halogen atoms (and in particular  $R^4$  representing an alkyl radical, and preferably an alkyl radical containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and still more preferentially a methyl or ethyl radical).
- According to a particular variant of the invention, W represents O. In this particular
- 25 case, it is preferred that  $R^1$  represents an aryl radical, and in particular a phenyl radical, optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by substituents chosen independently from a halogen atom and an alkyl, haloalkyl or alkoxy radical. More preferentially, still when W represents O, it will be preferred that  $R^1$  represents a phenyl radical optionally substituted by a halogen atom (said halogen atom being preferably a fluorine atom).
- 30 According to a particular aspect of the invention,  $R^4$  will represent a phenyl radical or a heterocyclic aryl radical with 5 to 6 members optionally substituted 1 to 4 times (and

preferably 1 to 3 times) by substituents chosen from the group consisting of halogen atoms, the trifluoromethyl radical and the trifluoromethoxy radical (and preferably chosen from the group consisting of halogen atoms and the trifluoromethyl radical). In particular, said optionally substituted heterocyclic aryl with 5 to 6 members is an optionally substituted pyridine, thiophene, furane or pyrrole ring.

Another particular aspect of this invention relates to the use of compounds of general formula (I) in which W represents S, R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, the -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup> substituent (the preferences indicated previously for R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are still applicable) is attached at position 5 of the benzothiazole-dione ring and R<sup>4</sup> is chosen from the alkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, -CH<sub>2</sub>-COOR<sup>18</sup>, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CO-NR<sup>19</sup>R<sup>20</sup> and -CH<sub>2</sub>-NR<sup>21</sup>R<sup>22</sup> radicals (R<sup>4</sup> being preferably alkyl or cycloalkylalkyl and more preferentially alkyl according to this particular aspect of the invention).

For a product according to the invention, the compounds of general formula (I) described (if appropriate in the form of salts or mixtures) in Examples 1 to 138 of compounds of general formula (I), or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such compounds, are particularly preferred. Among the compounds of Examples 1 to 138 of compounds of general formula (I) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, the compounds of Examples 1 to 14, 18 to 39, 48 to 52, 55, 57, 58 and 60 to 138 will generally be of more use for including in a product according to this invention.

Moreover, the compounds of general formula (I) described (if appropriate in the form of salts or mixtures) in Examples 2 to 5, 16, 19 to 26, 32, 34, 38 to 40, 43 to 47, 55 to 58, 60 to 77, 79 to 98 and 101 to 115 of compounds of general formula (I), or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such compounds, are still more particularly preferred for including in a product according to the invention.

Moreover, the compounds of general formula (I) described (if appropriate in the form of salts or mixtures) in Examples 2, 19, 20, 23, 24, 34, 57, 60, 62, 63, 67 to 77, 80 to 92, 94, 96 to 98, 103, 104, 106 and 110 to 113 of compounds of general formula (I), or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such compounds, are most particularly preferred for including in a product according to the invention:

Particularly preferably, the products according to the invention comprising a compound of general formula (I) will include a compound chosen from the following compounds:

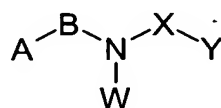
- 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione;
- 2-methyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione;
- 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione;

- 2-(2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)-5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione;

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the latter.

According to a still more preferred aspect of the invention, the products according to the invention comprising a compound of general formula (I) will include  
 5 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

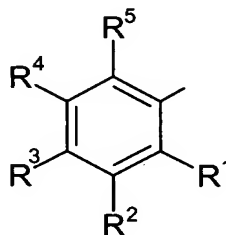
Alternatively, the Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor can be a compound of general formula (II)



(II)

10 in which:

A represents an (A1) radical

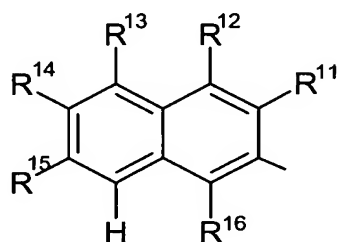


(A1)

in which two of the R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> groups represent hydrogen atoms and the three others are chosen independently from a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom and an alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylthio or NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup> radical, it being  
 15 understood moreover that:

- either R<sup>1</sup> and one of R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are chosen independently from a hydroxy, alkylcarbonyloxy and NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup> radical,
- or R<sup>2</sup> and one of R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are chosen independently from a hydroxy, alkylcarbonyloxy and NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup> radical,
- 20 - or R<sup>4</sup> and one of R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are chosen independently from a hydroxy, alkylcarbonyloxy and NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup> radical,

- or also one of  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^5$  is chosen from a hydroxy, alkylcarbonyloxy and  $NR^6R^7$  radical, and the remainder  $B-N(W)-X-Y$  is attached to the A radical by a nitrogen atom,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  representing, independently each time that they occur, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical or  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  forming together with the nitrogen atom a heterocycle with 4 to 7 members comprising 1 to 2 heteroatoms, the members necessary to complete the heterocycle being chosen independently from the  $-CR^8R^9$ -,  $-O$ -,  $-S$ - and  $-NR^{10}$ - radicals,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  representing independently each time that they occur a hydrogen atom or an alkyl, alkoxy, benzyloxycarbonylamino or dialkylamino radical, and  $R^{10}$  representing independently each time that it occurs a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical,
- 10 or also A represents an (A2) radical



(A2)

in which:

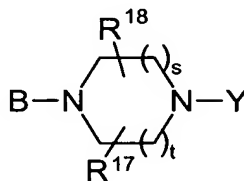
- either  $R^{11}$  and one of  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  represent hydroxy radicals while the other radicals from  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  as well as  $R^{16}$  represent hydrogen atoms,
  - or  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{16}$  represent hydroxy radicals while  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  represent
- 15 hydrogen atoms;

B represents a  $-CO-$ ,  $-NH-CO-(CH_2)_n-$  or  $-(CH_2)_p-$  radical, n being an integer from 0 to 3 and p being an integer from 0 to 1;

W represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical;

- X represents a  $-(CH_2)_q-$ ,  $-(CH_2)_q-NH-$  or  $-CO-(CH_2)_r-$  radical, q being an integer from 1 to 6 and r an integer from 0 to 6;
- 20

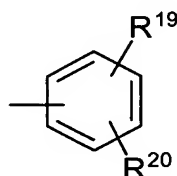
or also the  $B-N(W)-X-Y$  group is such that it represents the radical



in which B is as defined above, t is an integer from 0 to 2, s is an integer from 0 to 1 and  $R^{17}$  and  $R^{18}$  represent radicals chosen independently from a hydrogen atom and an alkyl radical;

and:

- 5 - when X represents a  $-(CH_2)_q-$  or  $-CO-(CH_2)_r-$  radical, then Y represents a radical



in which  $R^{19}$  represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro, alkyl, alkylthio,  $NR^{21}R^{22}$ ,  $-SO_2-NR^{23}R^{24}$ ,  $-NH-SO_2-R^{25}$  or  $-O-P(O)(OR^{26})(OR^{27})$  radical,

$R^{21}$  and  $R^{22}$  independently representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical,

$R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  independently representing a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical, or  $R^{23}$  and

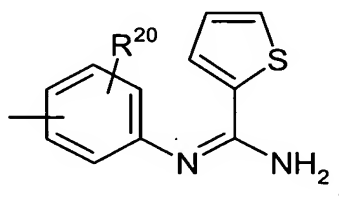
- 10  $R^{24}$  representing together with the nitrogen atom which carries them a heterocycle with 5 to 7 members the complementary members of which are chosen independently from  $-CHR^{28}-$ ,  $-NR^{29}-$ ,  $-O-$  and  $-S-$ ,  $R^{28}$  and  $R^{29}$  representing, independently each time that they occur, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical,

$R^{25}$  representing an alkyl, haloalkyl radical or one of the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl or

- 15 heteroaralkyl radicals the aryl or heteroaryl nucleus of which is optionally substituted by one or more radicals chosen independently from a halogen atom and alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy or nitro radicals, except for the optional nitrogen atoms of the heteroaryl nucleus the optional substituents of which are chosen from the alkyl radicals,  $R^{26}$  and  $R^{27}$  being chosen independently from alkyl radicals,

- 20 and  $R^{20}$  represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl, alkoxy or alkylthio radical,

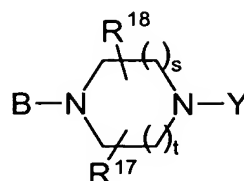
or also Y represents the (T) radical represented below



(T)

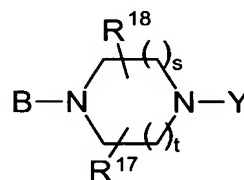
in which  $R^{20}$  represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl, alkoxy or alkylthio radical,

- when X represents a  $-(CH_2)_q-NH-$  radical or when the B-N(W)-X-Y group is such that it represents the radical



then Y represents exclusively an  $-SO_2-R^{30}$  radical in which  $R^{30}$  represents an alkyl, haloalkyl radical or one of the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl radicals the aryl or heteroaryl nucleus of which is optionally substituted by one or more radicals chosen independently from a halogen atom and the alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy or nitro radicals, except for the optional nitrogen atoms of the heteroaryl nucleus the optional substituents of which are chosen from the alkyl radicals;

it being understood moreover that when the B-N(W)-X-Y group is such that it represents the radical



then B represents exclusively a  $-CO-$  or  $-(CH_2)-$  radical;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of such a compound.

Preferably, the compounds of general formula (II) are chosen from the following compounds:

- 15 - 4-(dimethylamino)-2-methoxy-6-({methyl[2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]amino}methyl)-phenol;
- 4-(dimethylamino)-2-({methyl[2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]amino}methyl)phenol;
- 2,7-dihydroxy-N-{2-[4-[(2-thienyl(imino)methyl)amino]phenyl]ethyl}-2-naphthalenecarboxamide;
- 20 - 3-[(3-{{[amino(2-thienyl)methylidene]amino}-benzyl}amino)-N-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]propanamide;
- 4-(4-aminophenyl)-N-[4-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phenyl]butanamide;
- 4-(dimethylamino)-2-methoxy-6-({[2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]amino}methyl)phenol;
- 4-(dimethylamino)-2-({[2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]amino}methyl)phenol;



- 2-(dimethylamino)-6-methoxy-4-({methyl[2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]amino}methyl)phenol;
- 2-({methyl[2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]amino}methyl)-1,4-benzenediol;
- 4-(dimethylamino)-2-methoxy-6-({methyl[2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]amino}methyl)phenyl acetate;
- 5 - 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-[2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethyl]-2-naphthamide;
- *N*-[4-(dimethylamino)benzyl]-3,7-dihydroxy-2-naphthamide;
- diethyl 4-{2-[(3,7-dihydroxy-2-naphthoyl)amino]ethyl}phenylphosphate;
- *N*-{2-[4-(aminosulphonyl)phenyl]ethyl}-3,7-dihydroxy-2-naphthamide;
- 10 - 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-[2-(4-aminophenyl)ethyl]-2-naphthamide;
- 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-(2-{4-[(methylsulphonyl)amino]phenyl}ethyl)-2-naphthamide;
- *N*-(2-{4-[(butylsulphonyl)amino]phenyl}ethyl)-3,7-dihydroxy-2-naphthamide;
- 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-[2-(4-{[(4-methylphenyl)sulphonyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-2-naphthamide;
- 15 - 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-(2-{4-[(1-naphthylsulphonyl)amino]phenyl}ethyl)-2-naphthamide;
- 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-{2-[4-({2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl}sulphonyl)amino]phenyl}ethyl}-2-naphthamide;
- *N*-(2-{4-[(benzylsulphonyl)amino]phenyl}ethyl)-3,7-dihydroxy-2-naphthamide;
- 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-{2-[4-({3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl}sulphonyl)amino]phenyl}ethyl}-2-naphthamide;
- 20 - 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-[2-(4-{[(4-nitrophenyl)sulphonyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-2-naphthamide;
- 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-{2-[4-({4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl}sulphonyl)amino]phenyl}ethyl}-2-naphthamide;
- 25 - 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-(2-{4-[(thien-2-ylsulphonyl)amino]phenyl}ethyl)-2-naphthamide;
- 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-[2-(4-{[(4-methoxyphenyl)sulphonyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-2-naphthamide;
- 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-[2-(4-{[(1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl)sulphonyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-2-naphthamide;
- 30 - *N*-[2-(4-{[(4-fluorophenyl)sulphonyl]amino}phenyl)ethyl]-3,7-dihydroxy-2-naphthamide;
- 3,7-dihydroxy-*N*-{3-[4-methyl-1-piperidinyl)sulphonyl]benzyl}-2-naphthamide;
- 5-(4-{[(1*E*)-amino(2-thienyl)methylidene]amino}phenyl)-*N*-[2-(dimethylamino)phenyl]pentanamide;
- 35 - 3-({4-[(4-methylphenyl)sulphonyl]piperazin-1-yl}carbonyl)naphthalene-2,6-diol;
- 3-{[4-(methylsulphonyl)piperazin-1-yl]carbonyl}naphthalene-2,6-diol;
- 3-{[4-(butylsulphonyl)piperazin-1-yl]carbonyl}naphthalene-2,6-diol;

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the latter.

The Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor included in a product according to the invention can moreover also be menadione (also known as vitamin K3) or one of its analogues such as for example 2-(2-mercaptoethanol)-3-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (described in  
5 Markovits et al., *Life Sci.* (2003), 72(24), 2769-84).

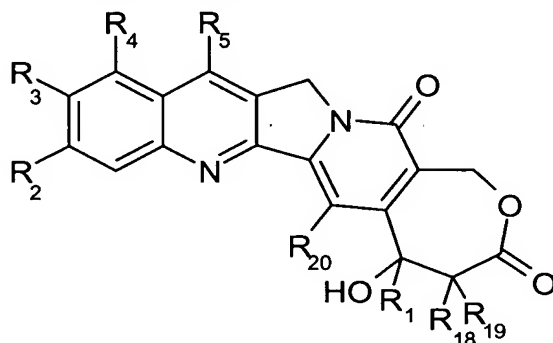
The anti-cancer agent associated with the Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor can be chosen from anti-cancer agents as varied as:

- analogues of DNA bases such as 5-fluorouracil;
- Type I and/or II topoisomerase inhibitors such as for example camptothecin and its  
10 analogues, doxorubicin or amsacrine;
- compounds interacting with the spindle cell such as for example paclitaxel (Taxol<sup>®</sup>) or docetaxel (Taxotere<sup>®</sup>);
- compounds acting on the cytoskeleton such as vinblastine;
- inhibitors of the transduction of the signal passing through the heterotrimeric G  
15 proteins;
- prenyltransferase inhibitors, and in particular farnesyltransferase inhibitors;
- cyclin-dependent kinase (CDKs) inhibitors;
- alkylating agents such as cisplatin;
- antagonists of folic acid such as methotrexate; or
- 20 - inhibitors of the synthesis of DNA and cell division such as mitomycin C.

As regards the analogues of camptothecin being able to be combined with the inhibitor of Cdc25 phosphatases, these being able to be analogues comprising a lactonic E ring with six members (such as for example the compounds described in PCT Patent Application WO 94/11376), analogues comprising a lactonic E ring with seven  
25 members (such as for example homocamptothecins - the compounds described in PCT Patent Application WO 97/00876) or open tetracyclic analogues (such as for example the compounds described in PCT Patent Application WO 99/33829). Preferably, the analogue of camptothecin is chosen from the group comprising diflomotecan, (+)-9-chloro-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-10-methyl-12-(4-methylpiperidinomethyl)-4,5,13,15-  
30 tetrahydro-1H,3H-oxepino[3',4':6.7]indolizino[1,2-c]quinoline-3,15-dione and its salts (in particular its hydrochloride also known under the name BN-80927) as well as the compound known under the code name SN-38.

By homocamptothecin, is meant in the present Application any analogue of camptothecin in which the pentacyclic pattern of the natural camptothecin has been modified by replacement, in the E ring, of the natural  $\alpha$ -hydroxylactone of the camptothecin by an  $\beta$ -hydroxylactone.

- 5 According to a particular variant of the invention, the analogues of camptothecin combined with the inhibitor of Cdc25 phosphatases are analogues comprising a lactonic E ring with seven members. These are preferably homocamptothecins, and in particular homocamptothecins chosen from the compounds of general formula (III)



(III)

in racemic, enantiomeric form or all combinations of these forms, in which

- 10  $R_1$  represents a lower alkyl, a lower alkenyl, a lower alkynyl, a lower haloalkyl, a lower alkoxy lower alkyl or a lower alkylthio lower alkyl;  
 $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  represent, independently, i) H, halo, lower halo alkyl, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, cyano, lower cyano alkyl, nitro, lower nitro alkyl, amido, lower amido alkyl, hydrazino, lower hydrazino alkyl, azido, lower azido alkyl,  
 15  $(CH_2)_mNR_6R_7$ ,  $(CH_2)_mOR_6$ ,  $(CH_2)_mSR_6$ ,  $(CH_2)_mCO_2R_6$ ,  $(CH_2)_mNR_6C(O)R_8$ ,  $(CH_2)_mC(O)R_8$ ,  $(CH_2)_mOC(O)R_8$ ,  $O(CH_2)_mNR_6R_7$ ,  $OC(O)NR_6R_7$ ,  $OC(O)(CH_2)_mCO_2R_6$ , or ii) the following radicals substituted (i.e., substituted one to four times on the aryl group or the heterocycle) or not substituted:  $(CH_2)_n[N=X]$ ,  
 20  $OC(O)[N=X]$ ,  $(CH_2)_mOC(O)[N=X]$  (in which  $[N=X]$ , in this invention, represents a heterocyclic group with 4 to 7 members with the nitrogen atom N, which is a member of the heterocyclic group, and X represents the remaining members, necessary to complete the heterocyclic group, selected from the group constituted by O, S,  $CH_2$ , CH, N,  $NR_9$  and  $COR_{10}$ ), aryl or lower aryl alkyl, in which the optional substituents are  
 25 chosen from the group constituted by a lower alkyl, halo, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower haloalkyl, lower hydroxy alkyl, lower alkoxy, and lower alkoxy lower alkyl; or  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  form together a chain with 3

- or 4 members, in which the elements of the chain are selected from the group constituted by CH, CH<sub>2</sub>, O, S, N or NR<sub>9</sub>;
- 5 R<sub>5</sub> represents i) H, halo, lower halo alkyl, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy lower alkyl, lower alkylthio lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, lower cycloalkyl alkyl, cyano, cyano alkyl, lower alkyl lower sulphonyl alkyl, lower hydroxy alkyl, nitro, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>C(O)R<sub>8</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>NR<sub>6</sub>C(O)R<sub>8</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>OC(O)R<sub>8</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>OC(O)NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>S(O)<sub>q</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>P(O)R<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>P(S)R<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>, or ii) one of the following radicals substituted (i.e. 10 one to four times on the aryl or heteroaryl group) or not substituted: (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>[N=X], OC(O)[N=X], (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>OC(O)[N=X], aryl or lower aryl alkyl, in which the optional substituents are chosen from the group constituted by a lower alkyl, halo, nitro, amino, lower alkyl amino, lower halo alkyl, lower hydroxy alkyl, lower alkoxy and lower alkoxy lower 15 alkyl;
- R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> represent, independently, i) H, a lower alkyl, lower hydroxy alkyl, lower alkyl lower amino alkyl, lower amino alkyl, cycloalkyl, lower cycloalkyl alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkoxy lower alkyl, lower halo alkyl, or ii) 20 one of the following radicals substituted (i.e., one to four times on the aryl group) or not substituted: aryl or lower aryl alkyl, in which the optional substituents are chosen from the group constituted by a lower alkyl, halo, nitro, amino, lower alkyl amino, lower halo alkyl, lower hydroxy alkyl, lower alkoxy, and lower alkoxy lower alkyl;
- 25 R<sub>8</sub> represents i) H, a lower alkyl, lower hydroxy alkyl, amino, lower alkyl amino, lower alkyl amino lower alkyl, lower amino alkyl, cycloalkyl, lower cycloalkyl alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy lower alkyl, lower halo alkyl, or ii) one of the following radicals substituted (i.e., one to four times on the aryl group) or not substituted: aryl or lower 30 aryl alkyl, in which the optional substituents are chosen from the group constituted by a lower alkyl, halo, nitro, amino, lower alkyl amino, lower halo alkyl, lower hydroxy alkyl, lower alkoxy, or lower alkoxy lower alkyl;
- R<sub>9</sub> represents H, a lower alkyl, lower halo alkyl, aryl, or aryl substituted by one or more groups chosen from the lower alkyl, halo, nitro, amino, 35 lower alkyl amino, lower halo alkyl, lower hydroxy alkyl, lower alkoxy, or lower alkoxy lower alkyl radical;
- R<sub>10</sub> represents H, a lower alkyl, lower halo alkyl, lower alkoxy, aryl, or aryl substituted (i.e., presenting one to four substituents on the aryl group) by

- one or more groups chosen from the lower alkyl, lower halo alkyl, lower hydroxy alkyl, or lower alkoxy lower alkyl radical;
- $R_{11}$  represents a lower alkyl, aryl,  $(CH_2)_mOR_{14}$ ,  $(CH_2)_mSR_{14}$ ,  $(CH_2)_2NR_{14}R_{15}$  or  $(CH_2)_m[N=X]$ ;
- 5  $R_{12}$  and  $R_{13}$  represent, independently, a lower alkyl, aryl, lower alkoxy, aryloxy or amino;
- $R_{14}$  and  $R_{15}$  represent, independently, H, a lower alkyl or aryl;
- $R_{18}$  and  $R_{19}$  represent, independently, H, halo, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy or hydroxy;
- $R_{20}$  represents H or halo;
- 10  $m$  is a whole number comprised between 0 and 6;
- $n$  is 1 or 2; and
- $q$  represents a whole number from 0 to 2; and  $[N=X]$  represents a heterocyclic group with 4 to 7 members, X representing the chain necessary to complete said heterocyclic group and selected from the
- 15 group constituted by O, S,  $CH_2$ , CH, N,  $NR_9$  and  $COR_{10}$ ;
- and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the latter.

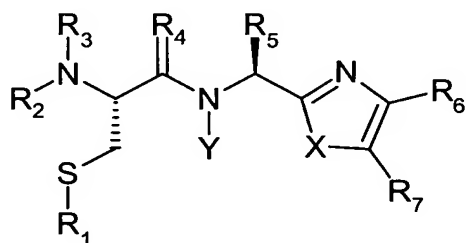
Preferably the compound of general formula (III) is such that  $R_2$  represents H or halo;  $R_3$  represents H, a lower alkyl or halo;  $R_4$  represents H or halo;  $R_5$  represents H, a lower alkyl or a  $(CH_2)_n[N=X]$  group substituted or not substituted in which the optional

20 substituent is a lower alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the latter.

The compounds of general formula (III) or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts are more particularly chosen from diflomotecan and (+)-9-chloro-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-10-methyl-12-(4-methylpiperidinomethyl)-4,5,13,15-tetrahydro-1H,3H-oxepino[3',4':6.7]indolizino[1,2-c]quinoline-3,15-dione and its pharmaceutically

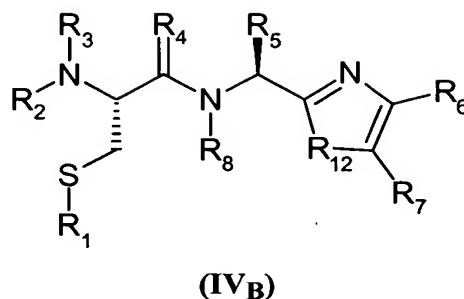
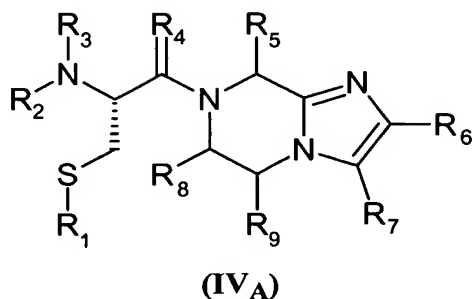
25 acceptable salts (in particular its hydrochloride also known under the name BN-80927).

As regards the inhibitors of the transduction of the signal passing through the heterotrimeric G proteins being able to be combined with the inhibitor of Cdc25 phosphatases, these can be compounds of general formula (IV)



(IV)

corresponding to the sub-formulae (IV<sub>A</sub>) or (IV<sub>B</sub>):



in which:

X represents R<sub>12</sub> and Y represents R<sub>8</sub>, or X and Y complete a ring with 6 members, the X-Y group representing the -CH(R<sub>8</sub>)-CH(R<sub>9</sub>)- radical;

5 R<sub>1</sub> represents H, an alkyl, alkylthio or cycloalkylthio radical;

R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> independently represent H or an alkyl or cycloalkyl radical;

R<sub>4</sub> represents H<sub>2</sub> or O;

R<sub>5</sub> represents H, or one of the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclylalkyl radicals, these radicals being optionally substituted by radicals chosen from the group comprising  
10 an alkyl, -O-R<sub>10</sub>, -S(O)<sub>m</sub>R<sub>10</sub> (m representing 0, 1, or 2), -N(R<sub>10</sub>)(R<sub>11</sub>), -N-C(O)-R<sub>10</sub>, -NH-(SO<sub>2</sub>)-R<sub>10</sub>, -CO<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>10</sub>, -C(O)-N(R<sub>10</sub>)(R<sub>11</sub>), and -(SO<sub>2</sub>)-N(R<sub>10</sub>)(R<sub>11</sub>) radical;

R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> independently represent H, a -C(O)-NH-CHR<sub>13</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>14</sub> radical, or one of the alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclylalkyl radicals, these radicals being optionally substituted by  
15 radicals chosen from the group comprising the OH, alkyl or alkoxy, N(R<sub>10</sub>)(R<sub>11</sub>), COOH, CON(R<sub>10</sub>)(R<sub>11</sub>), and halo radicals,

or R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> form together an aryl radical or a heterocycle;

R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> independently represent, H, or one of the alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclylalkyl radicals, these radicals being optionally substituted by radicals chosen from the group comprising  
20 the OH, alkyl or alkoxy, N(R<sub>10</sub>)(R<sub>11</sub>), COOH, CON(R<sub>10</sub>)(R<sub>11</sub>) and halo radicals,

or R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> form together an aryl radical or a heterocycle;

R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>11</sub>, independently represent H, an aryl radical or heterocyclyl, or an alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclylalkyl radical;  
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R<sub>12</sub> represents NR<sub>9</sub>, S, or O;

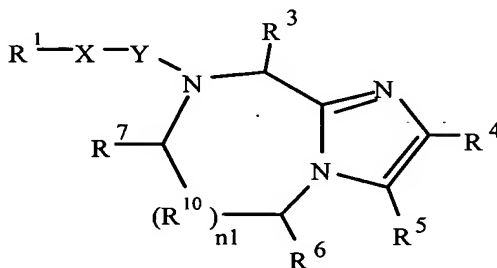
R<sub>13</sub> represents an alkyl radical optionally substituted by a radical chosen from the alkyl, -OR<sub>10</sub>, -S(O)<sub>m</sub>R<sub>10</sub> (m representing 0, 1, or 2) and -N(R<sub>10</sub>)(R<sub>11</sub>) radicals;

R<sub>14</sub> represents H or an alkyl radical;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the latter.

- 5 Among the compounds of general formula (IV) and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such compounds, in particular a compound chosen from 7-(2-amino-1-oxo-3-thiopropyl)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo[1.2a]pyrazine and its dimer form, bis-1,1'-{7-(2-amino-1-oxo-3-thiopropyl)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo[1.2a]pyrazine} disulphide or (1*R*)-1-[(2*R*)-2-amino-3-[(8*S*)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-7(8*H*)-yl]-3-oxopropyl]dithiomethyl]-2-[(8*S*)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-7(8*H*)-yl]-2-oxoethylamine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of one of these compounds will be preferred.
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- 15 As regards the farnesyltransferase inhibitors, these can in particular be chosen from the group composed:

- of a compound of general formula (V)



(V)

in which:

n1 represents 0 or 1;

- 20 X represents, independently each time that it occurs, (CHR<sup>11</sup>)<sub>n3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n4</sub>Z(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n5</sub>;

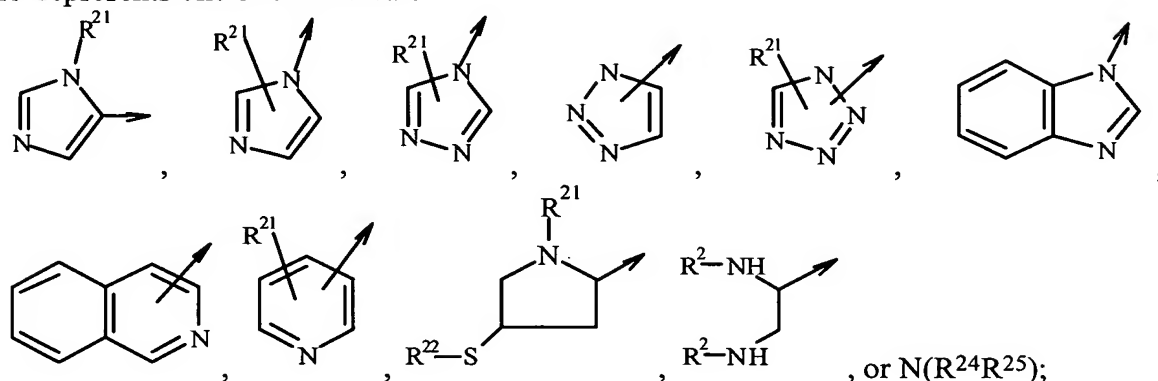
Z representing O, N(R<sup>12</sup>), S, or a bond;

n3 representing, independently each time that it occurs, 0 or 1;

each of n4 and n5 representing, independently each time that they occur, 0, 1, 2, or 3;

Y represents, independently each time that it occurs, CO, CH<sub>2</sub>, CS, or a bond;

$R^1$  represents one of the radicals



- each of R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, and R<sup>12</sup> representing, independently each time that it occurs, H or an optionally substituted radical chosen from the group consisting of a (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl radical and an aryl radical, said optionally substituted radical being optionally substituted by at least one radical chosen from the R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>30</sup> radicals, each substituent being chosen independently of the others;
- R<sup>3</sup> represents, independently each time that it occurs, H or an optionally substituted radical chosen from the group consisting of the (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkenyl, (C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkynyl, (C<sub>3-6</sub>)cycloalkyl, (C<sub>3-6</sub>)cycloalkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>5-7</sub>)cycloalkenyl, (C<sub>5-7</sub>)cycloalkenyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, aryl, aryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl radicals, said optionally substituted radical being optionally substituted by at least one radical chosen from the R<sup>30</sup> radicals, each substituent being chosen independently of the others;

each of R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> represents, independently each time that it occurs, H or an optionally substituted radical chosen from the group consisting of the (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>3-6</sub>)cycloalkyl, aryl and heterocyclyl radicals, said optionally substituted radical being optionally substituted by at least one radical chosen from the R<sup>30</sup> radicals, 20 each substituent being chosen independently of the other, or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached together form an aryl radical;

R<sup>6</sup> represents, independently each time that it occurs, H or an optionally substituted radical chosen from the group consisting of the (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkenyl, (C<sub>3-6</sub>)cycloalkyl, (C<sub>3-6</sub>)cycloalkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>5-7</sub>)cycloalkenyl, (C<sub>5-7</sub>)cycloalkenyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, aryl, aryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, heterocyclyl and heterocyclyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl radicals, said optionally substituted radical being optionally substituted by at least one radical chosen from the OH, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxy, -N(R<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>), -COOH, -CON(R<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>) and halo radicals, each substituent being chosen independently of the others;



$R^7$  represents, independently each time that it occurs, H, =O, =S, H or an optionally substituted radical chosen from the group consisting of the (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkenyl, (C<sub>3-6</sub>)cycloalkyl, (C<sub>3-6</sub>)cycloalkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>5-7</sub>)cycloalkenyl, (C<sub>5-7</sub>)cycloalkenyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, aryl, aryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, heterocyclyl and heterocyclyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl radicals, said optionally substituted radical being optionally substituted by at least one radical chosen from the OH, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxy, -N(R<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>), -COOH, -CON(R<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>) and halo radicals, each substituent being chosen independently of the others;

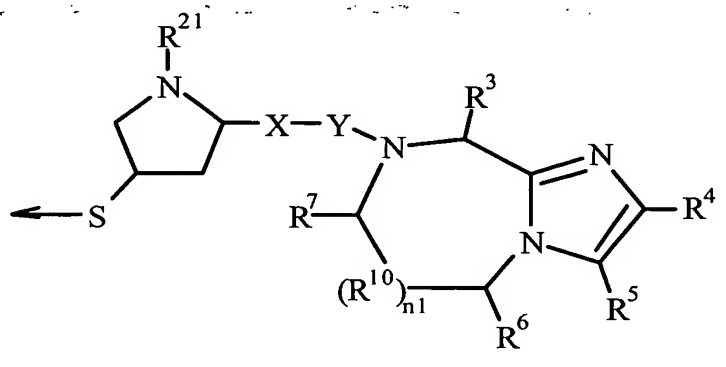
each of R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> representing, independently each time that it occurs, H, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkenyl, (C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkynyl, aryl, or aryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl;

10 R<sup>10</sup> represents C;

or, when n<sub>1</sub> = 0, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> can be taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached to form an aryl or cyclohexyl radical;

R<sup>21</sup> represents, independently each time that it occurs, H or an optionally substituted radical chosen from the group consisting of the (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl and aryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl radicals, said optionally substituted radical being optionally substituted by at least one radical chosen from the R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>30</sup> radicals, each substituent being chosen independently of the others;

R<sup>22</sup> represents H, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylthio, (C<sub>3-6</sub>)cycloalkylthio, R<sup>8</sup>-CO-, or a substituent of formula



20 each of R<sup>24</sup> and R<sup>25</sup> represents, independently each time that it occurs, H, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl or aryl(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl;

R<sup>30</sup> represents, independently each time that it occurs, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, -O-R<sup>8</sup>, -S(O)<sub>n6</sub>R<sup>8</sup>, -S(O)<sub>n7</sub>N(R<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>), -N(R<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>), -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8</sup>, -CON(R<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>), -NCO-R<sup>8</sup>, or halogen,

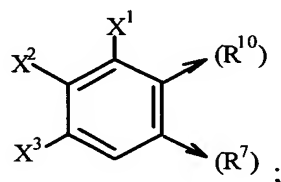
25 each of n<sub>6</sub> and n<sub>7</sub> representing, independently each time that it occurs, 0, 1 or 2;

said heterocyclyl radical being azepinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzofurazanyl, benzopyranyl, benzothiopyranyl, benzofuryl, benzothiazolyl, benzothienyl, benzoxazolyl, chromanyl, cinnoliny, dihydrobenzofuryl, dihydrobenzothienyl, dihydrobenzothiopyranyl, dihydrobenzothio-pyranyl sulphone, 5 furyl, imidazolidinyl, imidazoliny, imidazolyl, indoliny, indolyl, isochromanyl, isoindoliny, isoquinoliny, isothiazolidinyl, isothiazolyl, isothiazolidinyl, morpholiny, naphthyridiny, oxadiazolyl, 2-oxoazepinyl, 2-oxopiperazinyl, 2-oxopiperidinyl, 2-oxopyrrolidinyl, piperidyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl, pyridyl-N-oxide, quinoxaliny, tetrahydrofuryl, tetrahydroisoquinoliny, tetrahydroquinoliny, thiamorpholiny, 10 thiamorpholiny sulphoxide, thiazolyl, thiazoliny, thienofuryl, thienothienyl or thienyl;

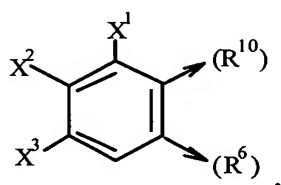
said aryl radical being phenyl or naphthyl;

it being understood that:

when  $n_1 = 1$ ,  $R^{10}$  is C and  $R^6$  represents H, then  $R^{10}$  and  $R^7$  can form, taken together, the radical

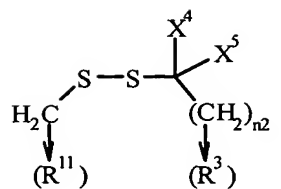


15 or when  $n_1 = 1$ ,  $R^{10}$  is C, and  $R^7$  is =O, -H, or =S, then  $R^{10}$  and  $R^6$  can form, taken together; the radical



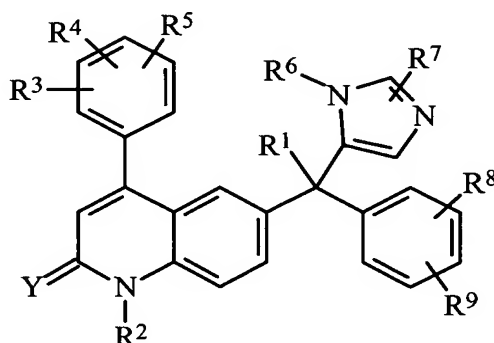
with each of  $X^1$ ,  $X^2$ , and  $X^3$  representing, independently, H, a halogen atom,  $-\text{NO}_2$ ,  $-\text{NCO}-R^8$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2R^8$ ,  $-\text{CN}$ , or  $-\text{CON}(R^8R^9)$ ; and

when  $R^1$  is  $\text{N}(R^{24}R^{25})$ , then  $n_3$  represents 1, each of  $n_4$  and  $n_5$  represents 0, Z is a bond, 20 and  $R^3$  and  $R^{11}$  can form, taken together, the radical



with  $n_2$  representing an integer from 1 to 6, and each of  $X^4$  and  $X^5$  representing, independently, H,  $(C_{1-6})$ alkyl or aryl, or  $X^4$  and  $X^5$  forming, taken together, a  $(C_{3-6})$ cycloalkyl radical;

- of a compound of general formula (VI)



(VI)

5 in which:

$R^1$  represents H or an alkyl radical,  $OR^{10}$ ,  $SR^{10}$  or  $NR^{11}R^{12}$ ;

$R^2$  represents H or an alkyl radical;

$R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  represent, independently, H, a halogen atom or an alkyl, trihalomethyl, hydroxy, cyano or alkoxy radical;

10  $R^6$  represents H or an alkyl radical;

$R^7$  represents H, a halogen atom or an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, amino, hydroxycarbonyl radical;

$R^8$  and  $R^9$  represent, independently, H, a halogen atom or a cyano, alkyl, trihalomethyl, alkoxy, alkylthio or dialkylamino radical;

15  $R^{10}$  represents H or an alkyl or alkylcarbonyl radical;

$R^{11}$  represents H or an alkyl radical;

$R^{12}$  represents H or an alkyl or alkylcarbonyl radical;

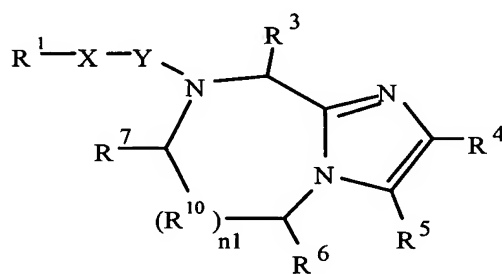
and Y represents O or S;

- and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of general formula (V) or of a compound of general formula (VI).

- 5 When a chemical structure such as used here has an arrow coming from it, the arrow indicates the attachment point. For example, the structure

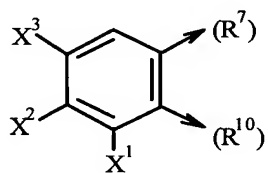


is a pentyl radical. When a value in parentheses appears near the arrow, the value indicates where the attachment point can be found in the compound. For example, in the general formula (V)

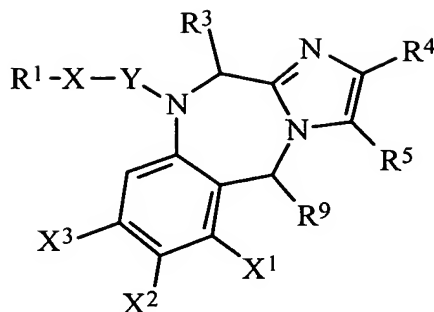


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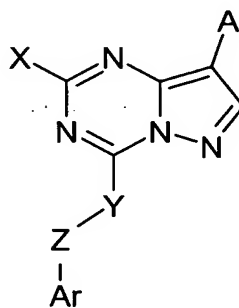
- 10 as defined previously, when  $R^{10}$  and  $R^7$  are taken together to form the radical



the following structure results:



- Among the compounds of general formula (V), in particular 1-(2-(1-((4-cyano)phenylmethyl)imidazol-4-yl)-1-oxoethyl)-2,5-dihydro-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2c][1,4]benzodiazepine, 4-(2-bromophenyl)-1-(2-(1-((4-cyano-3-methoxy)phenylmethyl)imidazo-5-yl)-1-oxoethyl)-1,2-dihydro-8-fluoroimidazo[1,2a][1,4]-benzodiazepine or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts (and quite particularly 4-(2-bromophenyl)-1-(2-(1-((4-cyano-3-methoxy)phenylmethyl)imidazo-5-yl)-1-oxoethyl)-1,2-dihydro-8-fluoroimidazo[1,2a][1,4]-benzodiazepine or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts).
- 10 As regards the CDK inhibitors, these are preferably chosen from the compounds of general formula (VII)



(VII)

in racemic, enantiomeric form or all combinations of these forms, in which

- A represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a formyl, cyano, nitro, guanidinoaminomethylenyl, (1,3-dihydro-2-oxoindol)-3-ylidenemethyl, alkylcarbonyl, aralkylcarbonyl or heteroaralkylcarbonyl radical, or also a -L-NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup> radical in which L represents an alkylene radical and R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are chosen independently from a hydrogen atom and an alkyl radical or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> taken together with the nitrogen atom which carries them form a heterocycle with 5 to 7 members, the complimentary members

being chosen independently from the group comprising  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{NR}^3-$ ,  $-\text{S}-$  and  $-\text{O}-$ ,  $\text{R}^3$  independently representing each time that it occurs a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical;

X represents a hydrogen atom, an alkylthio, aralkylthio, alkylthio or aralkylthio radical, or also an  $\text{NR}^4\text{R}^5$  radical in which  $\text{R}^4$  represents an alkyl radical, a hydroxyalkyl radical, a cycloalkyl radical optionally substituted by one or more radicals chosen from the alkyl, hydroxy and amino radicals, an aralkyl radical the radical aryl of which is optionally substituted by one or more radicals chosen from a halogen atom, the cyano radical, the nitro radical and the alkyl or alkoxy radicals, or also  $\text{R}^4$  represents a heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl radical, the heteroaryl radical of the heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl radicals being optionally substituted by one or more alkyl radicals and  $\text{R}^5$  represents a hydrogen atom, or also  $\text{R}^4$  and  $\text{R}^5$  taken together with the nitrogen atom which carries them form a heterocycle with 5 to 7 members, the complimentary members being chosen independently from the group comprising  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{NR}^6-$ ,  $-\text{S}-$  and  $-\text{O}-$ ,  $\text{R}^6$  independently representing each time that it occurs a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or hydroxyalkyl radical;

Y represents NH or an oxygen atom;

Z represents a bond or an alkyl or alkylthioalkyl radical; and

Ar represents a carbocyclic aryl radical optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by radicals chosen independently from a halogen atom, the cyano radical, the nitro radical, an alkyl or alkoxy radical and an  $\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8$  radical in which  $\text{R}^7$  and  $\text{R}^8$  independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical or  $\text{R}^7$  and  $\text{R}^8$  taken together with the nitrogen atom which carries them form a heterocycle with 5 to 7 members, the complimentary members being chosen independently from the group comprising  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{NR}^9-$ ,  $-\text{S}-$  and  $-\text{O}-$ ,  $\text{R}^9$  representing independently each time that it occurs a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical,

or also Ar represents a heterocyclic aryl radical with 5 or 6 members the heteroatoms of which are chosen from nitrogen, oxygen or sulphur atoms, said heteroatoms optionally being oxidized (Ar can represent for example the oxidopyridyl radical) and said heterocyclic aryl radical being able to be optionally substituted by one or more radicals chosen independently from the alkyl, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl and dialkylaminoalkyl radicals;

or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts of these compounds.

According to the invention, the compounds of general formula (VII) (and also their pharmaceutically acceptable salts) are preferably such that they have at least one of the following characteristics:

- 5     • A represents a halogen atom, a formyl, guanidinoaminomethylenyl, (1,3-dihydro-2-oxoindol)-3-ylidenemethyl or alkylcarbonyl radical, or also a  $-L-NR^1R^2$  radical in which L represents a methylene radical and  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are chosen independently from a hydrogen atom and an alkyl radical or  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  taken together with the nitrogen atom which carries them form a heterocycle with 5 to 7 members, the complimentary members being chosen independently from the group comprising  
10      $-CH_2-$ ,  $-NR^3-$  and  $-O-$ ,  $R^3$  independently representing each time that it occurs a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical;
- 15     • X represents an alkylthio radical (and preferably methylthio) or alkylthioxo (and preferably methylthioxo), or also an  $NR^4R^5$  radical in which  $R^4$  represents an alkyl radical, a hydroxyalkyl radical, a cycloalkyl radical (and preferably cyclohexyl)  
20     optionally substituted by one or more amino radicals, or also  $R^4$  represents a heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl radical, the heteroaryl radical of the heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl radicals being optionally substituted by one or more alkyl radicals and  $R^5$  represents a hydrogen atom, or also  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  taken together with the nitrogen atom which carries them form a heterocycle with 5 to 7 members, the complementary members being chosen independently from the group comprising  
25      $-CH_2-$  and  $-NR^6-$ ,  $R^6$  independently representing each time that it occurs a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or hydroxyalkyl radical;
- Y represents NH;
- Z represents a bond or a  $-CH_2-$  radical;
- 25     • Ar represents a carbocyclic aryl radical (said carbocyclic aryl radical preferably being a phenyl radical) optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by radicals chosen independently from a halogen atom and an  $NR^7R^8$  radical in which  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical or  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  taken together with the nitrogen atom which carries them form a heterocycle with 5 to 7  
30     members, the complimentary members being chosen independently from the group comprising  $-CH_2-$  and  $-NR^9-$ ,  $R^9$  independently representing each time that it occurs an alkyl radical,  
   or also Ar represents a heterocyclic aryl radical having 5 or 6 members the heteroatom or heteroatoms of which are chosen from nitrogen and oxygen atoms  
35     (said heterocyclic aryl radical preferably being a pyridyl radical), said heteroatoms

optionally being oxidized and said heterocyclic aryl radical being able to be optionally substituted by one or more radicals chosen independently from the alkyl, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl and dialkylaminoalkyl radicals.

Among the compounds of general formula (VII), in particular the compounds chosen  
5 from the group constituted by the following compounds will be preferred:

- 8-bromo-4-[(3-pyridyl)methylamino]-2-methylthio-pyrazolo[1,5-a]-1,3,5-triazine;

- 8-bromo-2-(1*R*-isopropyl-2-hydroxyethylamino)-4-(3-fluorophenylmethylamino)-  
pyrazolo[1,5-a]-1,3,5-triazine;

- 8-bromo-2-(1*R*-isopropyl-2-hydroxyethylamino)-4-(3-  
10 pyridylmethylamino)pyrazolo[1,5-a]-1,3,5-triazine;

and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

The CDK inhibitors can alternatively be chosen from roscovitine and its analogues, or  
also from olomoucine, purvalanol, the compound known by the name CVT-313,  
flavopiridol,  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone, indirubins, paullones and staurosporine (cf. Gray et al.,  
15 *Curr. Med. Chem.* (1999), 6(9), 859-75 and cited references).

A further subject of the invention is a particularly useful compound of general  
formula (IV), i.e. (1*R*)-1-[({(2*R*)-2-amino-3-[(8*S*)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-  
5,6-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-7(8*H*)-yl]-3-oxopropyl} dithio)methyl]-  
2-[(8*S*)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-7(8*H*)-yl]-  
20 2-oxoethylamine, or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

This compound and its salts have shown particularly stable in the form of a powder.

The major advantage of this compound is however its potent anti-cancer activity  
(whether alone or in combination with other anti-cancer agents) combined with  
excellent *in vivo* toxicity data. Besides, this compound is also a potent anti-pain agent,  
25 which is also a desirable feature for an anti-cancer agent.

Moreover, a particularly preferred salt of this compound  
is (1*R*)-1-[({(2*R*)-2-amino-3-[(8*S*)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-  
5,6-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-7(8*H*)-yl]-3-oxopropyl} dithio)methyl]-  
2-[(8*S*)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-7(8*H*)-yl]-  
30 2-oxoethylamine tetrahydrochloride.

The invention also offers a very convenient and economical preparation process for said  
tetrahydrochloride salt, said process comprising the following steps:



1) reacting approximately 2 equivalents of (8*S*)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine with approximately one equivalent of Boc-Cys-Cys-Boc in a polar aprotic solvent; and

2) reacting in a lower alcohol the disulphide derivative obtained after stage 1) with an excess of hydrochloric acid in solution in a lower alcohol.

By polar aprotic solvent should be understood in the abovementioned process dimethylformamide or tetrahydrofuran, and preferably dimethylformamide.

By excess of hydrochloric acid should be understood in the abovementioned process at least 4 equivalents of hydrochloric acid (e.g. from 4 to 5 equivalents of hydrochloric acid).

By lower alcohol should be understood an alcohol comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, notably methanol, ethanol or isopropanol. A preferred lower alcohol for stage 2) of the abovementioned process is isopropanol.

Preferably, the addition of the hydrochloric acid solution at stage 2) will be carried out at a temperature not exceeding 25°C (and more preferably at a temperature not exceeding 5°C).

Optionally, the reaction medium will be cooled down (e.g. at a temperature of about 0°C to isolate the expected tetrahydrochloride salt by crystallization.

Amongst the cancers intended to be treated by a product according to the invention, in particular cancer of the breast, lymphomas, cancers of the neck and the head, cancer of the lung, cancer of the colon, cancer of the prostate and cancer of the pancreas can be mentioned.

A subject of the invention is also a method for treating cancer, said method comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective dose of a product according to the invention to the patient in need of this treatment.

The pharmaceutical compositions containing a product of the invention can be presented in the form of solids, for example powders, granules, tablets, gelatin capsules, liposomes or suppositories. Appropriate solid supports can be, for example, calcium phosphate, magnesium stearate, talc, sugars, lactose, dextrin, starch, gelatin, cellulose, methyl cellulose, sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone and wax.

The pharmaceutical compositions containing a compound of the invention can also be presented in liquid form, for example, solutions, emulsions, suspensions or syrups.

Appropriate liquid supports can be, for example, water, organic solvents such as glycerol or glycols, as well as their mixtures, in varying proportions, in water.

The administration of a medicament according to the invention can be carried out by topical, oral, parenteral route, by intramuscular injection, etc.

- 5 The administration dose envisaged for a medicament according to the invention is comprised between 0.1 mg and 10 g according to the type of active compound used.

In accordance with the invention, the compounds included in products according to the invention can be prepared for example by the processes described below.

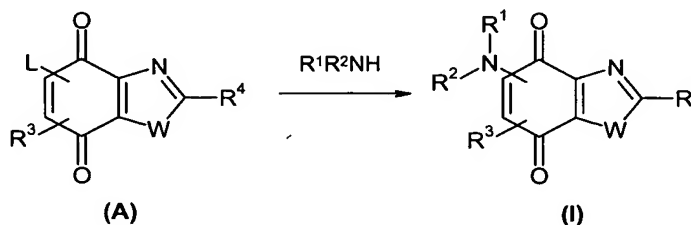
10 **PREPARATION OF CERTAIN COMPOUNDS INCLUDED IN PRODUCTS**  
**ACCORDING TO THE INVENTION**

**Preparation of the compounds of general formula (I)**

The preparation processes below are given by way of illustration and a person skilled in the art will be able to subject them to the variations that he judges useful, just as easily as regards the reagents as the conditions and techniques of the reactions.

15 **General method**

Generally, the compounds of general formula (I) can be prepared according to the procedure summarized in Diagram 1 below.



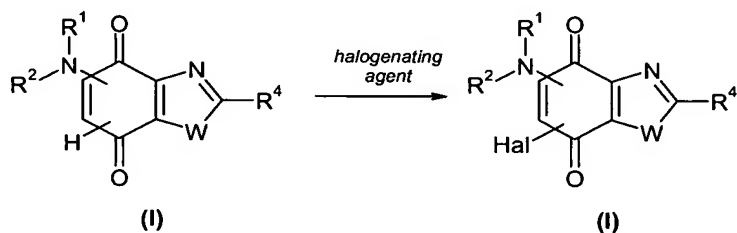
**Diagram 1**

- 20 According to this method, the compounds of general formula (I), in which  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and W are as described above, are obtained by treating the compounds of general formula (A), in which L represents a methoxy radical, a halogen atom or a hydrogen atom and  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and W have the same meaning as in general formula (I), with amines

of general formula  $\text{NR}^1\text{R}^2\text{H}$  in a protic solvent such as methanol or ethanol, at a temperature comprised between  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and  $50^\circ\text{C}$  and optionally in the presence of a base such as, for example, diisopropylethylamine (Yasuyuki Kita et al., *J. Org. Chem.* (1996), **61**, 223-227).

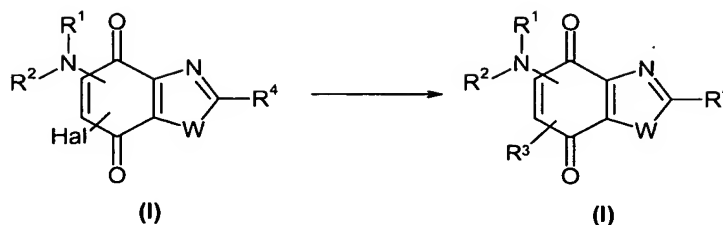
- 5 In the particular case where the compounds of general formula (A) are such that L and  $\text{R}^3$  each represent a halogen atom, the compounds of general formula (I) can be obtained in the form of a mixture of the 2 position isomers, but it is then possible to separate them by chromatography on a silica column in an appropriate eluent.

Alternatively, the compounds of general formula (I) in which  $\text{R}^3$  represents a halogen atom (Hal) can be obtained, diagram 1a, from the compounds of general formula (I) in which  $\text{R}^3$  represents a hydrogen atom, for example by the action of N-chlorosuccinimide or N-bromosuccinimide in an aprotic solvent such as dichloromethane or tetrahydrofuran (Paquette and Farley, *J. Org. Chem.* (1967), **32**, 2725-2731), by the action of an aqueous solution of sodium hypochlorite (bleach) in a solvent such as acetic acid (Jagadeesh et al., *Synth Commun.* (1998), **28**, 3827-3833), by the action of Cu(II) (in a  $\text{CuCl}_2/\text{HgCl}_2$  mixture) in the presence of a catalytic quantity of iodine in a solvent such as warm acetic acid (Thapliyal, *Synth. Commun.* (1998), **28**, 1123-1126), by the action of an agent such as benzyltrimethylammonium dichloroiodate in the presence of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  in a solvent such as a dichloromethane / methanol mixture (Kordik and Reitz, *J. Org. Chem.* (1996), **61**, 5644-5645), or also by using chlorine, bromine or iodine in a solvent such as dichloromethane (J. Renault, S. Giorgi-Renault et al., *J. Med. Chem.* (1983), **26**, 1715-1719).



**Diagram 1a**

Alternatively also, the compounds of general formula (I) in which  $\text{R}^3$  represents an alkoxy or alkylthio radical can be obtained, Diagram 1b, from the compounds of general formula (I) in which  $\text{R}^3$  represents a halogen atom, for example, by the action of an alcohol of general formula  $\text{R}^{3'}\text{-OH}$  or a thiol of general formula  $\text{R}^{3'}\text{-SH}$  ( $\text{R}^{3'}$  being such that  $\text{R}^3 = \text{R}^{3'}\text{O}$  or  $\text{R}^{3'}\text{S}$ ) in a solvent such as anhydrous ethanol in the presence of a base such as, for example, diisopropylethylamine.

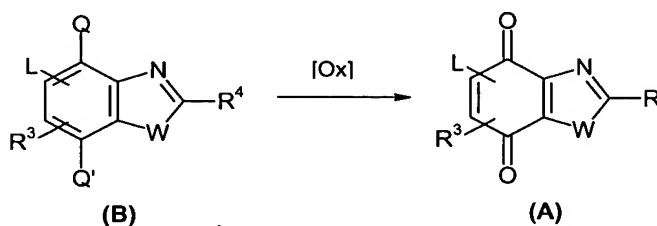


**Diagram 1b**

Preparation of the intermediates of general formula (A)

The compounds of general formula (A) in which L, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and W are as defined above can be obtained, Diagram 2, from the compounds of general formula (B) in which L, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and W are as defined above and:

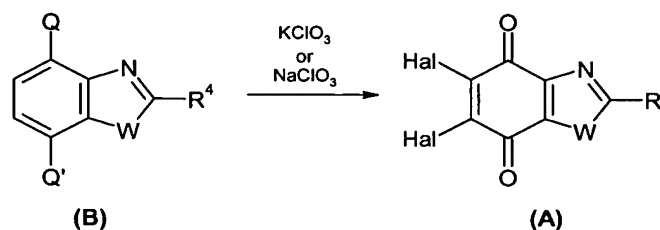
- 5 - one of Q and Q' represents an amino or hydroxyl radical and the other represents a hydrogen atom; or
- Q and Q' each represent an amino radical; or
- Q and Q' each represent a hydroxyl radical; or finally
- Q and Q' each represent a methoxy radical.



**Diagram 2**

- 10 In the case where the compounds of general formula (B) are such that Q and Q' represent methoxy radicals, the compounds of general formula (A) are obtained by treatment with cerium (IV) and ammonium nitrate (Beneteau et al., *Eur. J. Med. Chem.* (1999), **34**(12), 1053-1060). In the other cases, the compounds of general formula (A) are obtained by oxidation of the compounds of general formula (B), for example by the
- 15 use of FeCl<sub>3</sub> in an acid medium (Antonini et al., *Heterocycles* (1982), **19**(12), 2313-2317) or Fremy's salt (potassium nitrosodisulphonate). (Ryu et al., *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* (2000), **10**, 461-464), or by the use of a reagent comprising a hypervalent iodine such as [bis(acetoxy)iodo]benzene or [bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]benzene in aqueous acetonitrile at a temperature preferably comprised between -20 °C and ambient
- 20 temperature (i.e. approximately 25 °C), and preferably at approximately -5 °C (Kinugawa et al., *Synthesis*, (1996), **5**, 633-636).

In the particular case where L and R<sup>3</sup> represent halogens atoms, the compounds of general formula (A) can be obtained, Diagram 3, by halogen oxidation of the compounds of general formula (B) in which L and R<sup>3</sup> represent hydrogen atoms and Q and/or Q' is (are) chosen from an amino radical and a hydroxy radical by the action, for example, of potassium or sodium perchlorate in acid medium (Ryu et al., *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* (1999), **9**, 1075-1080).

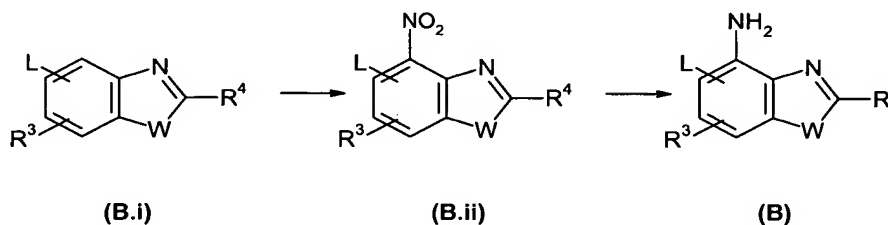


**Diagram 3**

Preparation of the intermediates of general formula (B)

Certain compounds of general formula (B) in which L, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, Q, Q' and W are as defined above are known industrial products available from the usual suppliers.

- 10 If they are not commercially available and in the particular case where Q or Q' represents an amino radical, the compounds of general formula (B) can in particular be obtained from the nitro derivatives of formula (B.ii) in which Q or Q' represents a nitro radical by reduction methods which are well known to a person skilled in the art such as, for example, hydrogenation in the presence of a palladium catalyst or treatment with
- 15 tin chloride in hydrochloric acid. If they are not commercially available, the compounds of formula (B.ii) can themselves be obtained from the compounds of general formula (B.i) in which the positions corresponding to the Q and Q' radicals are substituted by hydrogen atoms by nitration methods which are well known to the person skilled in the art such as, for example, treatment with a mixture of nitric acid and sulphuric acid (cf.
- 20 Diagram 4 where only the case in which the compounds of general formula (B) are such that Q = NH<sub>2</sub> and Q' = H is represented).



**Diagram 4**

Alternatively, the compounds of general formula **(B)** which are not commercially available in which Q represents an amino radical, Q' a hydrogen atom and W an oxygen atom, can be obtained by treatment of the tetrahydrobenzoxazoles of general formula **(B.vi)** with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in order to produce the oximes of general formula **(B.v)**, themselves treated with warm polyphosphoric acid (cf. Young Kook Koh et al., *J. Heterocyclic Chem.* (2001), **38**, 89-92) to provide the compounds of general formula **(B)**. The compounds of general formula **(B.vi)** can themselves be obtained from the cyclic 1,3-diketones of general formula **(B.viii)** firstly by conversion to diazodiketones of general formula **(B.vii)** by diazotransfer reaction, for example, by the action of tosyl azide or 4-acetamidobenzenesulphonylazide in the presence of triethylamine in a solvent such as anhydrous dichloromethane or chloroform (V. V. Popic et al., *Synthesis* (1991), **3**, 195-198) followed by cycloaddition of these diazodiketones of general formula **(B.vii)** with the nitriles of general formula  $R^4-CN$  in the presence of a rhodium (II) -type catalyst (Y. R. Lee, *Heterocycles* (1998), **48**, 875-883) (cf. Diagram 4a).

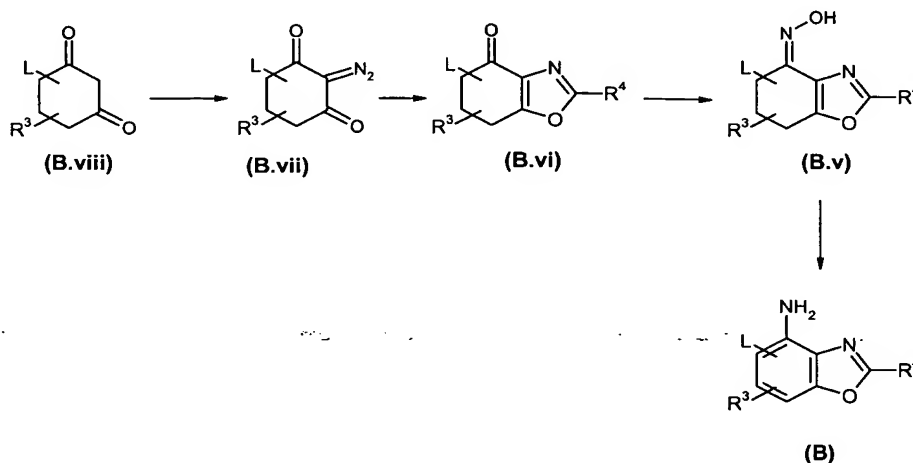
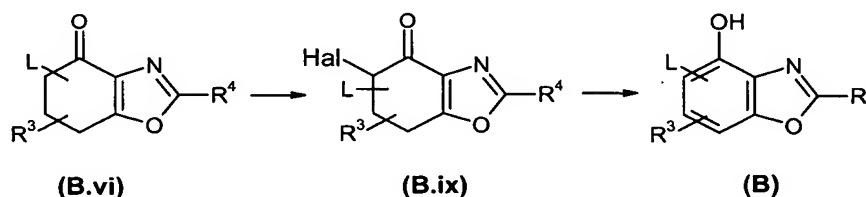


Diagram 4a

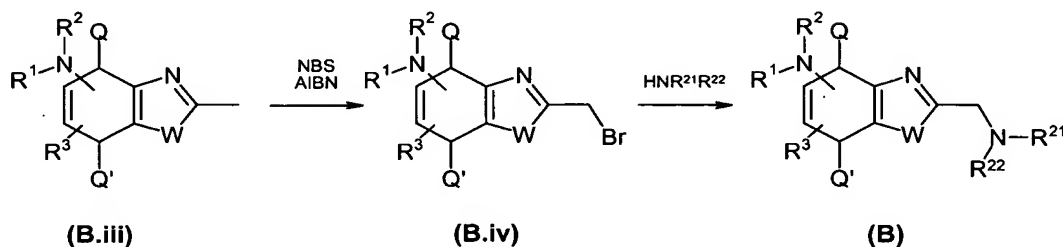
If they are not commercially available and in the particular case where Q represents hydroxyl, Q' a hydrogen atom and W an oxygen atom, the compounds of general formula **(B)** can be obtained by aromatization of the oxazolocyclohexanones of general formula **(B.vi)**. Such an aromatization can be carried out in two stages as shown in Diagram 4b, firstly a halogenation in position  $\alpha$  of the carbonyl (which leads to the intermediates of general formula **(B.ix)** in which Hal is a halogen atom), then  $\beta$ -elimination of the halogen by treatment with a base. The halogenation can be carried out, for example, using bromine in acetic acid at ambient temperature, pyridinium tribromide in acetic acid at 50 °C, copper bromide (II) in ethyl acetate or acetonitrile under reflux, or also phenylselenenyl chloride in ethyl acetate at ambient temperature.

The elimination of the resulting halide can be carried out with diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) in tetrahydrofuran at ambient temperature or with lithium carbonate in dimethylformamide. Examples of these reactions are provided by M. Tany et al., *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* (1996), **44**, 55-61; M.A. Ciufolini et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (1995), **117**, 12460-12469; and M.E. Jung and L.S. Starkey, *Tetrahedron* (1997), **53**, 8815-8824.



**Diagram 4b**

If they are not commercially available and in the particular case where  $R^4$  represents a  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}^{21}\text{R}^{22}$  radical, the compounds of general formula **(B)** can be obtained, Diagram 5, from the compounds of general formula **(B.iii)** in which  $R^4$  represents the methyl radical, which is firstly subjected to a radical bromination using *N*-bromosuccinimide in the presence of an initiator such as 2,2'-azobis(2-methylpropionitrile) or dibenzoylperoxide in an aprotic solvent such as carbon tetrachloride ( $\text{CCl}_4$ ) at a temperature preferably comprised between ambient temperature (i.e. approximately 25 °C) and 80 °C and with irradiation by a UV lamp (Mylari et al., *J. Med. Chem.* (1991), **34**, 108-122), followed by a substitution of the intermediate of general formula **(B.iv)** with amines of formula  $\text{HNR}^{21}\text{R}^{22}$  with  $R^{21}$  and  $R^{22}$  being as defined above.



**Diagram 5**

Alternatively, the compounds of general formula **(B)** which are not commercially available in which  $R^4$  represents a  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}^{21}\text{R}^{22}$  radical can be obtained according to the method represented in Diagram 4 above, from compounds of general formula **(B.i)** in which  $R^4$  represents a  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}^{21}\text{R}^{22}$  radical, these being themselves obtained from the compounds of general formula **(B.i)** in which  $R^4$  represents a  $\text{CH}_2-\text{Br}$  radical by

substitution with amines of formula  $\text{HNR}^{21}\text{R}^{22}$  with  $\text{R}^{21}$  and  $\text{R}^{22}$  as defined above. The compounds of general formula (B.i) in which  $\text{R}^4$  represents a  $\text{CH}_2\text{-Br}$  radical can be obtained, as described above, from the compounds of general formula (B.i) in which  $\text{R}^4$  represents the methyl radical, which is subjected to a radical bromination reaction.

- 5 If they are not commercially available and in the particular case where  $\text{R}^4$  represents a  $\text{-CH}_2\text{-CO-NR}^{19}\text{R}^{20}$  radical, the compounds of general formula (B) can be obtained from the compounds of general formula (B) in which  $\text{R}^4$  represents the  $\text{-CH}_2\text{-COOH}$  radical, by standard methods of peptide synthesis (M. Bodansky, *The Practice of Peptide Synthesis*, 145 (Springer-Verlag, 1984)), for example in tetrahydrofuran,  
10 dichloromethane or dimethylformamide in the presence of a coupling reagent such as cyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC), 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole (CDI) (*J. Med. Chem.* (1992), 35(23), 4464-4472) or benzotriazol-1-yl-oxy-tris-pyrrolidino-phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (PyBOP) (Coste et al., *Tetrahedron Lett.* (1990), 31, 205).

- The compounds of general formula (B) in which  $\text{R}^4$  represents  $\text{-CH}_2\text{-COOH}$  can be  
15 obtained from the compounds of general formula (B) in which  $\text{R}^4$  represents the  $\text{-CH}_2\text{-COOR}^{18}$  radical in which  $\text{R}^{18}$  represents an alkyl radical by hydrolysis of the ester function under conditions known to a person skilled in the art.

- The compounds of general formula (B) in which W represents S, Q and Q' each represent a methoxy radical and L represents a halogen atom or a hydrogen atom can be  
20 obtained, Diagram 6, by treating N-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)thioamides of general formula (B.x) with an aqueous solution of potassium ferricyanide in a sodic medium at ambient temperature (Lyon et al., *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* (1999), 437-442). The compounds of general formula (B.x) can themselves be obtained starting from  
25 corresponding acylated 2,5-dimethoxyanilines of general formula (B.xii), for example by the action of an acid chloride of general formula  $\text{R}^4\text{COCl}$  or a carboxylic acid of general formula  $\text{R}^4\text{COOH}$  activated according to methods known to the person skilled in the art, in order to produce N-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)amides of general formula (B.xi) themselves converted to the thioamides of general formula (B.x) by the action of Lawesson's reagent in toluene under reflux.

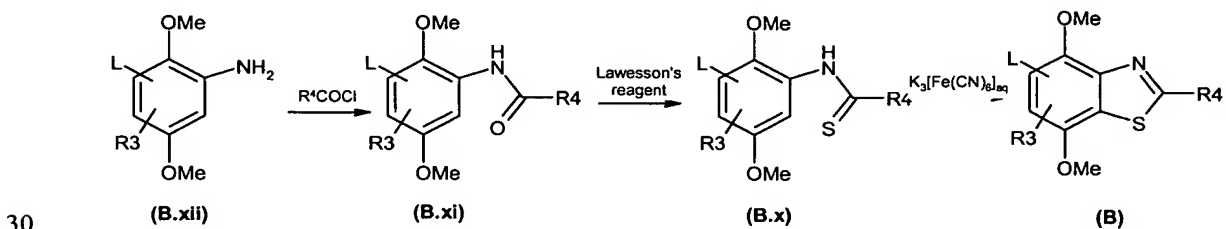
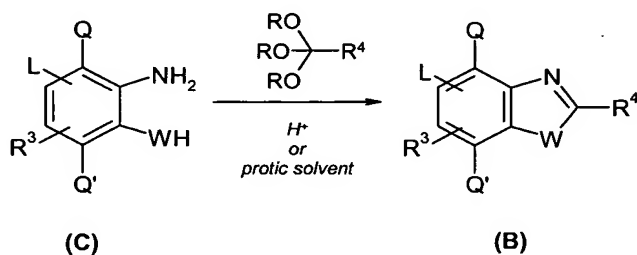


Diagram 6



In the other cases, the compounds of general formula **(B)** can be obtained, Diagram 6a, from the compounds of general formula **(C)** in which L, R<sup>3</sup> and W are as defined above and Q or Q' represents the NO<sub>2</sub> radical by condensation with the orthoester of general formula R<sup>4</sup>C(OR)<sub>3</sub> in which R is an alkyl radical, for example in the presence of a catalytic quantity of an acid such as, for example, paratoluenesulphonic acid, at a temperature comprised between ambient temperature and 200°C and preferably at approximately 110 °C (Jenkins et al., *J. Org. Chem.* (1961), **26**, 274) or also in a protic solvent such as ethanol at a temperature comprised between ambient temperature (i.e. approximately 25 °C) and 80 °C and preferably at approximately 60 °C (Scott et al., *Synth. Commun.* (1989), **19**, 2921). A certain number of orthoesters are known industrial products available from the usual suppliers. The preparation of orthoesters for treating various nitrile compounds with hydrochloric gas in an alcohol is known to a person skilled in the art.



**Diagram 6a**

The compounds of general formula **(B)** in which L, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and W are as defined above and Q or Q' represents the NO<sub>2</sub> radical can also be obtained from the compounds of general formula **(C)** in which L, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and W are as defined above and one of Q and Q' represents the NO<sub>2</sub> radical while the other represents a hydrogen atom by condensation of the latter with an acid chloride of formula R<sup>4</sup>-COCl under an inert atmosphere and in a polar and slightly basic solvent such as N-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (Brembilla et al., *Synth. Commun.* (1990), **20**, 3379-3384) or by condensation of the latter with a carboxylic acid of general formula R<sup>4</sup>-COOH in the presence of polyphosphoric acid at high temperature (Ying-Hung So et al., *Synth. Commun.* (1998), **28**, 4123-4135) or in the presence of boric acid in a solvent such as xylene under reflux (M. Terashima, *Synthesis* (1982), **6**, 484-485).

The compounds of general formula **(B)** in which L, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and W are as defined above and Q or Q' represents the NO<sub>2</sub> radical can also be obtained from the compounds of general formula **(C)** in which L, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and W are as defined above and one of Q and Q' represents the NO<sub>2</sub> radical while the other represents a hydrogen atom by condensation with an aldehyde of general formula R<sup>4</sup>-CHO then treating the Schiff base obtained with

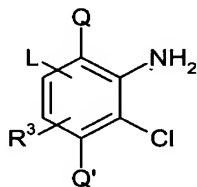
an oxidizing agent such as [bis(acetoxy)iodo]benzene, ferric chloride or dimethylsulphoxide (Racane et al., *Monatsh. Chem.* (1995), **126**(12), 1375-1381) or by dehydrating with glacial acetic acid at a temperature comprised between ambient temperature (i.e. approximately 25 °C) and 100 °C (Katritzky and Fan, *J. Heterocyclic Chem.* (1988), **25**, 901-906).

The compounds of general formula (B) in which L, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and W are as defined above and one of Q and Q' represents the NO<sub>2</sub> radical while the other represents a hydrogen atom can also be obtained from the compounds of general formula (C) by condensation with a nitrile of general formula R<sup>4</sup>-CN in a mixture of solvents of methanol / glacial acetic acid type at a temperature comprised between ambient temperature (i.e. approximately 25 °C) and 100 °C (Nawwar and Shafik, *Collect. Czech Chem. Commun.* (1995), **60**(12), 2200-2208).

Preparation of the intermediates of general formula (C)

Certain compounds of general formula (C) in which L, R<sup>3</sup>, Q, Q' and W are as defined above are known industrial products available from the usual suppliers.

Certain compounds of general formula (C) in which one of Q and Q' represents the NO<sub>2</sub> radical while the other represents a hydrogen atom can be obtained from the compounds of general formula (D)



(D)

in which L, R<sup>3</sup>, Q and Q' are as defined above by reaction, in the case where W represents S, with hydrated sodium sulphide at a temperature comprised between ambient temperature (i.e. approximately 25 °C) and 100 °C (Katritzky and Fan, *J. Heterocyclic Chem.* (1988), **25**, 901-906).

Finally, in the particular case where W represents O, the compounds of general formula (C) are known industrial products available from the usual suppliers or can be synthesized from such products according to current methods known to a person skilled in the art.

Separation of mixtures of regioisomers

In certain cases, it can happen that the compounds of general formula (I) prepared according to the above-mentioned methods are obtained in the form of mixtures of regioisomers.

- 5 In such situations, the mixture can be separated with standard liquid chromatography techniques on a column or on preparative thin layer (using a support such as silica or also a gel such as a gel of cross-linked polydextrans forming a three-dimensional network such as a Sephadex<sup>®</sup> LH-20 type gel). The person skilled in the art will choose the eluent the best suited to the separation of the mixture; such an eluent can be for  
10 example a ternary isopropanol/ethyl acetate/water mixture 1/1/1.

**Preparation of the compounds of general formula (II)**

The compounds of general formula (II) have been described in PCT Patent Application WO 02/09686.

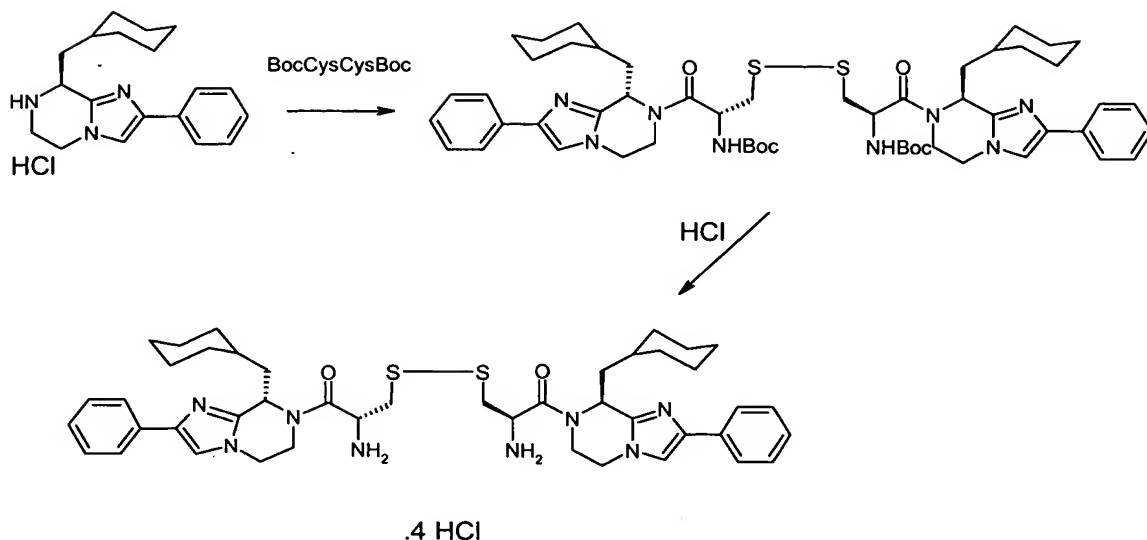
**Preparation of the compounds of general formula (III)**

- 15 The compounds of general formula (III) have in particular been described in PCT Patent Application WO 97/00876.

**Preparation of the compounds of general formula (IV)**

The compounds of general formula (IV) have been described in PCT Patent Application WO 97/30053.

- 20 The most preferred compound, bis-1,1'-{7-(2-amino-1-oxo-3-thiopropyl)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo[1.2a]pyrazine} disulphide, can alternatively be prepared according to the 2-step process represented in Diagram 7 hereafter.



**Diagram 7**

According to this method, (8*S*)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine (possibly in the form of its hydrochloride salt; product obtained according to the protocol described in PCT application WO 97/30053) can be first condensed with one equivalent of Boc-Cys-Cys-Boc in the presence of a peptidic coupling agent (e.g. HTBU) and of a base (e.g. diisopropylethylamine). The intermediate compound can then be deprotected and converted into the desired tetrahydrochloride salt in one single step by addition of a HCl solution in a lower alcohol (e.g. isopropanol), this reaction being preferably carried out in the same lower alcohol.

#### 10 **Preparation of the compounds of general formula (V)**

The compounds of general formula (V) have been described in PCT Patent Application WO 00/39130.

#### **Preparation of the compounds of general formula (VI)**

15 The compounds of general formula (VI) have been described in PCT Patent Application WO 97/21701.

### **Preparation of the compounds of general formula (VII)**

The compounds of general formula (VII) have been described in PCT Patent Application WO 02/50073.

As regards the temperatures referred to in the present text, the term « approximately  
5  $XX^{\circ}\text{C}$  » indicates that the temperature in question corresponds to a range of more or less  
10 $^{\circ}\text{C}$  either side of the temperature  $XX^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and preferably to a range of more or less 5 $^{\circ}\text{C}$   
either side of the temperature  $XX^{\circ}\text{C}$ . As regards the other numerical values referred to in  
the present text, the term « approximately  $YY$  » indicates that the value in question  
corresponds to a range of more or less 10% either side of the value  $YY$ , and preferably to  
10 a range of more or less 5% either side of the value  $YY$ .

Unless they are defined otherwise, all the technical and scientific terms used here have  
the same meaning as that usually understood by an ordinary specialist in the field to  
which this invention belongs. Similarly, all the publications, patent applications, all the  
patents and all other references mentioned here are incorporated by way of reference.

15 The following examples are presented in order to illustrate the above procedures and  
should in no event be considered as a limit to the scope of the invention.

### **EXAMPLES OF COMPOUNDS OF GENERAL FORMULA (I)**

#### *Method used for measuring the retention time (r.t.) and the molecular peak (MH<sup>+</sup>)*

The compounds are characterised by their retention time (r.t.), expressed in minutes,  
20 determined by liquid chromatography (LC), and their molecular peak (MH<sup>+</sup>)  
determined by mass spectrometry (MS), a single quadripole mass spectrometer  
(Micromass, Platform model) equipped with an electrospray source is used with a  
resolution of 0.8 Da at 50% valley.

For Examples 1 to 138 below, the elution conditions corresponding to the results  
25 indicated are the following: transition of an acetonitrile-water-trifluoroacetic acid

mixture 50-950-0,2 (A) to an acetonitrile-water mixture 950-50 (B) via a linear gradient over a period of 8.5 minutes, then elution with the pure mixture B for 10.5 minutes.

**Example 1: 2-methyl-5-{{2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

- 5 51.2 µl (0.39 mmol; 3 equivalents) of 4-(2-aminoethyl)morpholine is added to 27 mg (0.129 mmol) of 5-methoxy-2-methyl-4,7-dioxobenzothiazole in solution in 2 ml of anhydrous ethanol. The reaction mixture is stirred under reflux for 18 hours then the solvent is evaporated off under reduced pressure. The residue is purified on a silica column (eluent: 5% methanol in dichloromethane). The expected compound is
- 10 obtained in the form of a red powder.  
NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.45 (t, 1H, NH); 5.49 (s, 1H, CH); 3.58-3.55 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.26 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.54 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.42-2.40 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>).  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 308.25; r.t. = 6.89 min.

- 15 **Example 2: 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride:**

*2.1) 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:*

This compound is obtained in a similar manner to that used for the compound of Example 1.

- 20 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.34 (t, 1H, NH); 5.48 (s, 1H, CH); 3.24-3.20 (m, H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.77 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.47 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.18 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>).  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 266.27; r.t. = 6.83 min.

*2.2) 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride:*

- 25 0.166 g of intermediate 2.1 is dissolved in 1.88 ml (1.88 mmol; 3 eq.) of a molar solution of hydrochloric acid in ether and the reaction mixture is stirred for 3 hours at ambient temperature. The resulting precipitate is collected by filtration, followed by washing with ethyl ether and drying under reduced pressure in order to produce a dark red solid. Melting point: 138-140°C.
- 30 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 10.00 (s, 1H, NH<sup>+</sup>); 7.78 (t, 1H, NH); 5.68 (s, 1H, CH); 3.59-3.55 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.32-3.27 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.85-2.80 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.76 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 266.12; r.t. = 6.92 min.

*The compounds of Examples 3 to 14 are obtained in a similar manner to that used for Example 1.*

**Example 3: 5-{[6-(dimethylamino)hexyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 322.33; r.t. = 7.36 min.

**Example 4: 5-{[3-(dimethylamino)-2,2-dimethylpropyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.62 (t, 1H, NH); 5.45 (s, 1H, CH); 3.07-3.06 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.74 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.29-2.30 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.27 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); 0.93 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>).

LC-MS: MH<sup>+</sup> = 308.32; r.t. = 7.16 min.

**Example 5: 2-methyl-5-{[3-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)propyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.14 (t, 1H, NH); 5.46 (s, 1H, CH); 3.25-3.26 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.21-3.19 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.74 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.49-2.48 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.37-2.32 (m, 6H, 3CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.16 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.72 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 335.34; r.t. = 6.87 min.

**Example 6: 5-[(1-ethylhexyl)amino]-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 307.32; r.t. = 11.45 min.

**Example 7: 5-[(1-adamantylmethyl)amino]-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 343.31; r.t. = 11.73 min.

**Example 8: 2-methyl-5-[(2-thienylmethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 291.16; r.t. = 9.24 min.

**Example 9: 5-[(3-chlorobenzyl)amino]-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 319.24; r.t. = 9.95 min.

**Example 10: 2-methyl-5-[(4-pyridinylmethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

5 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 286.13; r.t. = 6.97 min.

**Example 11: 2-methyl-5-(propylamino)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 237.16; r.t. = 8.74 min.

**Example 12: 5-{[3-(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)propyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

10 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 303.17; r.t. = 7.07 min.

**Example 13: 4-{2-[(2-methyl-4,7-dioxo-4,7-dihydro-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)amino]ethyl} benzenesulphonamide:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 378.10; r.t. = 8.31 min.

**Example 14: 5-(4-benzyl-1-piperazinyl)-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

15 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 354.19; r.t. = 7.53 min.

**Example 15: 5-anilino-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 6-anilino-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

**15.1) 2-ethyl-4-nitro-1,3-benzoxazole:**

20 A mixture of 2-amino-3-nitrophenol (1 eq.), triethyl orthopropionate (2 eq.) and *p*-toluene sulphonic acid (in a catalytic quantity) is stirred at 110°C until disappearance of the aminophenol is verified by thin layer chromatography (2 hours). After cooling down, the reaction mixture is taken up in toluene followed by evaporating under vacuum then treating with isopropanol. The resulting precipitate is collected by filtration, followed by washing with isopropanol and isopentane, then drying under  
25 reduced pressure in order to produce a violet-brown solid.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.15 (dd, 2H); 7.58 (t, 1H); 3.06 (q, 2H); 1.38 (t, 3H).



MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 193.02; r.t. = 9.23 min.

15.2) *2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazol-4-amine*:

2-ethyl-4-nitro-1,3-benzoxazole is hydrogenated under a pressure of 8 bars in the presence of 10% palladium on carbon (0.01 eq.) using methanol as a solvent. The catalyst is separated by filtration and the methanol is eliminated under reduced pressure. The residue is taken up in ethyl ether in order to produce a pale violet solid which is collected by filtration and dried. Melting point: 46°C.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 6.97 (t, 1H); 6.72 (d, 1H); 6.47, d, 1H); 5.45 (s, 2H); 2.87 (q, 2H); 1.32 (t, 3H).

10 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 162.99; r.t. = 8.72 min.

15.3) *2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione*:

A solution of [bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodo]benzene (2.2 eq.) in a mixture of acetonitrile and water (80/20) is added dropwise to a solution of 2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazol-4-amine (1 eq.) in the same acetonitrile/water mixture maintained at -5°C. The reaction medium is then diluted with water followed by extracting with dichloromethane. The resulting organic phase is washed with water, followed by drying over sodium sulphate and concentrating in order to produce a brown paste. Purification by medium pressure chromatography on silica gel produces, after taking up in diisopropyl ether, a yellow crystalline solid. Melting point: 99°C.

20 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 6.75 (dd, 2H); 2.99 (q, 2H); 1.45 (t, 3H).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 177.83; r.t. = 8.29 min.

15.4) *5-anilino-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 6-anilino-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione*:

A mixture of 2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione (1 eq) and aniline (1.1 eq.) in ethanol is kept under stirring for 1 hour. The reaction medium turns to dark violet. After concentration, the residue is purified by medium pressure chromatography on silica in order to produce a violet-coloured powder. Melting point: 200°C.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 9.38 (s, 1H); 7.44 (t, 2H); 7.36 (d, 2H); 7.22 (t, 1H); 5.69 (s, 1H); 2.94 (q, 2H); 1.29 (t, 3H).

30 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 269.11; r.t. = 9.76 min.

**Example 16: 5-anilino-6-chloro-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 6-anilino-5-chloro-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

A solution of 5-anilino-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione (1 eq.) in acetic acid is treated with *N*-chlorosuccinimide (1.1 eq.) at ambient temperature. The reaction medium is maintained under stirring for 2 hours before being concentrated, followed by taking up in ethanol and concentrating again. The residue is purified by medium pressure chromatography on silica in order to produce a violet-coloured powder. Melting point: 159°C.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 9.39 (s, 1H); 7.30 (t, 2H); 7.11 (m, 3H); 2.96 (q, 2H); 1.30 (t, 3H).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 303.01; r.t. = 10.28 min.

**Example 17: 2-ethyl-5-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 2-ethyl-6-[(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 15, 4-fluoroaniline acid replacing aniline in the fourth and last stage. Melting point: 232°C.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 9.38 (s, 1H); 7.37 (t, 2H); 7.26 (t, 2H); 5.57 (s, 1H); 2.93 (q, 2H); 1.30 (t, 3H).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 287.09; r.t. = 9.88 min.

*The compounds of Examples 18 to 31 are obtained in a similar manner to that described for Example 1.*

**Example 18: 5-[(2-methoxyethyl)amino]-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 253.20; r.t. = 8.00 min.

**Example 19: 2-methyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.45 (m, 1H, NH); 5.47 (s, 1H, CH); 3.28-3.23 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.66-2.63 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.48-2.49 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.68-1.67 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 292.13; r.t. = 7.11 min.

**Example 20: 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 306.24; r.t. = 7.22 min.

5 **Example 21: 5-{[2-(diisopropylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 322.33; r.t. = 7.37 min.

**Example 22: 5-[(1-benzylpyrrolidin-3-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 354.28; r.t. = 7.70 min.

10 **Example 23: 5-{[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 280.15; r.t. = 7.01 min.

**Example 24: 2-methyl-5-{[2-(1-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

15 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 306.30; r.t. = 7.23 min.

**Example 25: 2-methyl-5-{[3-(2-methylpiperidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 334.29; r.t. = 7.38 min.

20 **Example 26: 5-{[4-(dimethylamino)butyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 294.16; r.t. = 7.11 min.

**Example 27: 5-{[5-(dimethylamino)pentyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 308.16; r.t. = 7.22 min.

**Example 28: 5-(2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-ylamino)-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 311.26; r.t. = 10.16 min.

5 **Example 29: 5-{benzyl[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.37-7.28 (m, 5H, H arom.); 5.61 (s, 1H, CH); 4.57 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.71-3.68 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.39-2.37 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.95 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 365.10; r.t. = 7.70 min.

10 **Example 30: *tert*-butyl methyl{3-[(2-methyl-4,7-dioxo-4,7-dihydro-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)amino]propyl} carbamate:**

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.75 (m, 1H, NH); 5.45 (s, 1H, CH); 3.22-3.18 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.15-3.12 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.76 (m, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.78-1.75 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.35 (m, 9H, 3 CH<sub>3</sub>).

15 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 366.15; r.t. = 9.61 min.

**Example 31: *tert*-butyl 3-[(2-methyl-4,7-dioxo-4,7-dihydro-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)amino] propylcarbamate:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 352.22; r.t. = 9.09 min.

20 **Example 32: 2-methyl-5-{[3-(methylamino)propyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride:**

25 mg (68.5 μmol) of the compound of Example 30 is suspended in 10 ml of diethylether. 4 ml of a molar solution of hydrochloric acid in ether is added, then the reaction mixture is stirred at ambient temperature for 2 hours. The resulting precipitate is collected by filtration, followed by washing with ether then drying under reduced pressure in order to produce a brownish-red solid.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.61 (m, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>); 7.84-7.81 (m, 1H, NH); 5.55 (s, 1H, CH); 3.29-3.24 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.91-2.88 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.53-2.52 (m, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.89-1.86 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 266.06; r.t. = 7.04 min.

**Example 33: 5-[(3-aminopropyl)amino]-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

20 mg (57  $\mu$ mol) of the compound of Example 30 is suspended in 10 ml of diethylether. 840  $\mu$ l of a molar solution of hydrochloric acid in ether is added then the reaction mixture is stirred at ambient temperature for 2 hours. The resulting precipitate is collected by filtration, followed by washing with ether then drying under reduced pressure in order to produce a brownish-red solid.

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 7.84-7.78 (m, 3H, NH, NH<sub>2</sub>); 5.56 (s, 1H, CH); 3.28-3.23 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.86-2.81 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.85-1.82 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 280.15; r.t. = 7.01 min.

**Example 34: 6-chloro-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

58.6 mg (0.22 mmol) of intermediate 2.1 is placed in solution in 5 ml of acetic acid. 32.5 mg (0.24 mmol; 1.1 eq.) of *N*-chlorosuccinimide is added and the reaction mixture is stirred for 3 hours at ambient temperature. After concentration, the residue is purified by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: dichloromethane/methanol 90/10) and the expected product is obtained, after taking up in ethyl ether, in the form of a violet-coloured powder.

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 7.31 (m, 1H, NH); 3.79-3.74 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.47-2.44 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.13 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 300.09; r.t. = 7.17 min.

**Example 35: 6-bromo-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

102 mg (0.38 mmol) of intermediate 2.1 is placed in solution in 10 ml of acetic acid. 77.3 mg (0.43 mmol; 1.1 eq.) of *N*-bromosuccinimide is added and the reaction mixture is stirred for 3 hours at ambient temperature. After concentration under reduced pressure, the residue is purified by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: dichloromethane/methanol 90/10) and the expected product is obtained, after taking up in ethyl ether, in the form of a violet-coloured powder.

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 7.24 (m, 1H, NH); 3.78-3.74 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.45-2.42 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.11 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 343.97; r.t. = 7.22 min.

**Example 36: 6-(butylthio)-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

20 µl (0.115 mmol; 1.2 eq.) of diisopropylethylamine and 16 µl (0.154 mmol; 1.6 eq.) of butanethiol are added to 33 mg (96 µmol) of the compound of Example 35 in solution in 4 ml of anhydrous ethanol. The reaction mixture is maintained under stirring for 24 hours at 60°C, then after concentration under reduced pressure, the residue is purified by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: dichloromethane/methanol 95/5) and the expected product is obtained, after taking up in ethyl ether, in the form of a violet-coloured powder.

10 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.56 (m, 1H, NH); 3.84-3.83 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.64-2.60 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.45-2.42 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.20 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.44-1.46 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.37-1.33 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 0.85-0.82 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**Example 37: 5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

37.1) *2-(bromomethyl)-5-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole:*

2.58 g (14.5 mmol; 1.3 eq.) of *N*-bromosuccinimide and a spatula tip's worth of aza-bis-isobutyronitrile are added to 2 g (11.16 mmol) of 2-methyl-5-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole in solution in 25 ml of anhydrous carbon tetrachloride. The reaction mixture is heated under reflux and under irradiation for 6 hours, with a spatula tip's worth of aza-bis-isobutyronitrile added every 2 hours. After returning to ambient temperature, the insoluble part formed is filtered, the solvent is evaporated off under reduced pressure and the residue is purified by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: ethyl acetate/heptane 1/4). The expected product is obtained in the form of a white solid.

20 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.98-7.96 (m, 1H, H arom.); 7.54-7.53 (m, 1H, H arom.); 7.13-7.10 (m, 1H, H arom.); 5.09 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.84 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

25 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 258.38; r.t. = 10.36 min.

*37.2) 5-methoxy-2-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)-1,3-benzothiazole:*

30 678 µl of diisopropylethylamine (3.9 mmol; 2 eq.) is added to 0.5 g of intermediate 37.1 in solution in 20 ml of anhydrous toluene. 187 µl (2.14 mmol; 1.1 eq.) of morpholine and a spatula tip's worth of sodium iodide are added to the previous solution, then the reaction mixture is maintained under stirring at 80°C for 3 hours. After cooling down, the reaction medium is washed with water (3 times 20 ml), then the organic phase is

dried over magnesium sulphate and concentrated. Purification by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: ethyl acetate/heptane 1/1) allows the expected product to be obtained in the form of a beige solid.

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 7.91-7.89 (m, 1H, H arom.); 7.47-7.46 (m, 1H, H arom.); 7.05-7.02 (m, 1H, H arom.); 3.92 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 3.82 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.63-3.61 (m, 4H, 2 $\text{CH}_2$ ); 2.56-2.53 (m, 4H, 2 $\text{CH}_2$ ).

MS-LC:  $\text{MH}^+ = 265.10$ ; r.t. = 7.55 min.

*37.3) 5-methoxy-2-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)-4-nitro-1,3-benzothiazole:*

84 mg (0.83 mmol; 1.2 eq.) of potassium nitrate is added by portions to a solution at 0°C of 0.2 g (0.76 mmol) of intermediate 37.2 in 0.7 ml of concentrated sulphuric acid. After returning to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture is stirred for 18 hours, neutralized by adding a 10M aqueous solution of soda followed by extracting with 3 times 50 ml dichloromethane. The resulting organic phase is dried over magnesium sulphate followed by concentrating, then purifying by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: ethyl acetate / heptane 1/1). The expected product is obtained in the form of a yellow oil.

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 8.26-8.24 (m, 1H, H arom.); 7.48-7.46 (m, 1H, H arom.); 3.98-3.96 (2s, 5H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 3.63-3.61 (m, 4H, 2 $\text{CH}_2$ ); 2.59-2.56 (m, 4H, 2  $\text{CH}_2$ ).

MS-LC:  $\text{MH}^+ = 310.11$ ; r.t. = 8.03 min.

*37.4) 5-methoxy-2-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-4-amine:*

0.93 g (4.11 mmol; 5 eq.) of tin chloride is added to a solution of 0.254 g (0.822 mmol) of intermediate 37.3 in 7 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid. The reaction mixture is maintained under stirring for 3 hours at 70°C. After returning to ambient temperature, the medium is diluted by adding 20 ml of ethyl acetate, followed by neutralizing with a saturated solution of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and finally washing with 3 times 20 ml of water. The organic phases are combined, followed by drying over magnesium sulphate and concentrating in order to provide the expected product in the form of a beige powder.

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 7.12-7.10 (m, 1H, arom H.); 7.02-7.00 (m, 1H, arom H.); 5.04 (s, 2H,  $\text{NH}_2$ ); 3.88 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 3.81 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.63-3.60 (m, 4H, 2  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 2.55-2.52 (m, 4H, 2 $\text{CH}_2$ ).

MS-LC:  $\text{MH}^+ = 280.11$ ; r.t. = 7.29 min.

37.5) *5-methoxy-2-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione*:

A solution of 84 mg (0.31 mmol; 1.8 eq.) of Fremy's salt, dissolved in 14 ml of a buffer solution (0.3M) of sodium hydrogen phosphate, is added to 0.0483 mg (0.17 mmol) of intermediate 37.4 in solution in 10 ml of acetone. The reaction mixture is stirred for 18 hours at ambient temperature, followed by extracting with 3 times 30 ml of dichloromethane, the organic phases then being washed with twice 20 ml of water. The organic phases are then combined, followed by drying over magnesium sulphate and then concentrating under reduced pressure. The residue is purified by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: ethyl acetate / heptane 1/1) and the expected product is obtained in the form of a yellow oil.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 295.06; r.t. = 7.11 min.

37.6) *5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione*:

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 1, intermediate 37.5 replacing 5-methoxy-2-methyl-4,7-dioxobenzothiazole.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 351.38; r.t. = 3.07 min.

**Example 38: 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-[(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 37, *N*-phenylpiperazine replacing morpholine in the second stage.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 426.18; r.t. = 7.39 min.

**Example 39: 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 37, piperidine replacing morpholine in the second stage.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 349.13; r.t. = 2.82 min.

*The compounds of Examples 40 to 52 are obtained in a similar manner to that described for Example 15, suitable primary or secondary amines replacing aniline in the fourth and last stage.*



**Example 40: 5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

Melting point: 123°C.

5 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.39 (t, 1H, NH); 5.30 (s, 1H, CH); 3.30-3.31 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.24-3.20 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.95-2.88 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.17 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.30 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 264.13; r.t. = 7.02 min.

**Example 41: *tert*-butyl 2-[(2-ethyl-4,7-dioxo-4,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-5-yl)(methyl)amino]ethylcarbamate or *tert*-butyl 2-[(2-ethyl-4,7-dioxo-4,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-6-yl)(methyl)amino]ethylcarbamate:**

Melting point: 135°C.

15 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.82 (t, 1H, NH); 5.36 (s, 1H, CH); 3.38-3.36 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.30-3.27 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.93-2.88 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.79 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.37-1.26 (m, 12H, 4 CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 350.14; r.t. = 9.72 min.

**Example 42: *tert*-butyl 2-[(2-ethyl-4,7-dioxo-4,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-5-yl)amino]ethylcarbamate or *tert*-butyl 2-[(2-ethyl-4,7-dioxo-4,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-6-yl)amino]ethylcarbamate:**

20 Melting point: 173°C.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.73 (t, 1H, NH); 6.97 (t, 1H, NH); 5.36 (s, 1H, CH); 3.20-3.17 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.15-3.12 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.93-2.88 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.36 (s, 9H, 3CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.28 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 336.23; r.t. = 9.24 min.

25 **Example 43: 5-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 6-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

Melting point: 101°C.

30 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.09 (t, 1H, NH); 5.28 (s, 1H, CH); 3.21-3.16 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.93-2.88 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.28-2.25 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.13 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.71-1.67 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.28 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 278.19; r.t. = 7.09 min.

**Example 44: 2-ethyl-5-{{2-(1-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 2-ethyl-6-{{2-(1-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

Melting point: 121°C.

- 5 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.11 (t, 1H, NH); 5.24 (s, 1H, CH); 3.19-3.17 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.95-2.93 (m, 1H, CH); 2.92-2.87 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.21 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.16-2.05 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.88-1.84 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.63-1.57 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.28 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 304.20; r.t. = 7.20 min.

- 10 **Example 45: 5-{{4-(dimethylamino)butyl}amino}-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 6-{{4-(dimethylamino)butyl}amino}-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.06 (t, 1H, NH); 5.28 (s, 1H, CH); 3.17-3.12 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.93-2.88 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.22-2.19 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>);  
15 2.11 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.61-1.56 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.46-1.42 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.28 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 292.20; r.t. = 7.10 min.

**Example 46: 2-ethyl-5-[(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylbutyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 2-ethyl-6-[(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylbutyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

Melting point: 102°C.

- 20 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.95 (t, 1H, NH); 5.28 (s, 1H, CH); 3.17-3.13 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.93-2.87 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.41-2.37 (m, 6H, 3CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.63-1.58 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.49-1.45 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.28 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 318.20; r.t. = 7.30 min.

- 25 **Example 47: 5-{{5-(dimethylamino)pentyl}amino}-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 6-{{5-(dimethylamino)pentyl}amino}-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.83 (t, 1H, NH); 5.27 (s, 1H, CH); 3.17-3.13 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.93-2.87 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.18-2.14 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.09 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.58-1.54 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.41-1.38 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.28 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

- 30 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 306.20; r.t. = 7.30 min.

**Example 48: mixture of 5-{{6-(dimethylamino)hexyl}amino}-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-{{6-(dimethylamino)hexyl}amino}-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 320.20; r.t. = 7.50 min.

- 5 **Example 49: mixture of 2-ethyl-5-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-ethyl-6-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 276.10; r.t. = 7.10 min.

**Example 50: mixture of 2-ethyl-5-[(1-ethylhexyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-ethyl-6-[(1-ethylhexyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 10 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 305.20; r.t. = 11.50 min.

**Example 51: mixture of 5-azocan-1-yl-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-azocan-1-yl-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 289.20; r.t. = 10.40 min.

- 15 **Example 52: mixture of 2-ethyl-5-morpholin-4-yl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-ethyl-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 263.10; r.t. = 8.60 min.

**Example 53: 6-chloro-5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 5-chloro-6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 20 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 34, the compound of Example 40 replacing intermediate 2.1. Melting point: 110°C.  
NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.35 (t, 1H, NH); 3.78-3.74 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.94-2.89 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.48-2.45 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.15 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.28 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).  
25 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 298.10; r.t. = 7.20 min.

**Example 54: 6-bromo-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 5-bromo-6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-ethyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 35, the compound of Example 40 replacing intermediate 2.1.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.27 (t, 1H, NH); 3.78-3.74 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.94-2.89 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.46-2.43 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.13 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.26 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 342.00; r.t. = 7.30 min.

**Example 55: 5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-ethyl-6-methyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

*55.1) 2-diazo-5-methylcyclohexane-1,3-dione:*

12.25 ml (87.2 mmol; 2.2 eq.) of triethylamine and 8.57 g (35.67 mmol; 0.9 eq.) of 4-acetamidobenzenesulphonylazide are added to a solution of 5 g (39.6 mmol) of 5-methylcyclohexane-1,3-dione in 100 ml of dichloromethane. The reaction mixture is stirred for 75 minutes at ambient temperature, then cooled down to 0°C and filtered on a silica bed. After concentration under reduced pressure, the solution is washed with 3 times 50 ml of water. The organic phases are combined, dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated. The resulting solid is taken up in ethyl ether followed by filtering and drying under reduced pressure. It is used in the following stage without other purification.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 153.49; r.t. = 7.21 min.

*55.2) 2-ethyl-6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-4(5H)-one:*

285 mg (0.644 mmol; 0.02 eq.) of rhodium acetate is added to a solution of 4.9 g (32.2 mmol) of intermediate 55.1 in 50 ml of propionitrile. The reaction mixture is maintained under stirring under an inert argon atmosphere at 60°C for 2 hours. The solvent is then evaporated off and the residue is purified by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: ethyl acetate/heptane 1/1). The expected product is obtained in the form of a yellow oil.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 3.02-2.97 (m, 1H, CH); 2.80-2.74 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.68-2.61 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.44-2.39 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.34-2.30 (m, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.23 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.08 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 180.25; r.t. = 8.55 min.

55.3) *(4E)-2-ethyl-6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-4(5H)-one oxime:*

647 mg (9.31 mmol; 1.2 eq.) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride and 764 mg (9.31 mmol; 1.2 eq.) of ammonium acetate are added to a solution of 1.39 g (7.76 mmol) of intermediate 55.2 in 200 ml of methanol. The reaction mixture is stirred for 90 minutes  
5 under reflux of the methanol, then the solvent is evaporated off, the residue is taken up in 50 ml of water then neutralized using a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The expected product is extracted twice with 50 ml of ethyl acetate then washed twice with 30 ml of water. The organic phases are combined, dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The desired product is obtained in the form of a dark yellow  
10 solid, used without other purification in the following stage.  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 195.09; r.t. = 8.73 min.

55.4) *2-ethyl-6-methyl-1,3-benzoxazol-4-amine:*

1.45 g (7.46 mmol) of intermediate 55.3 is dissolved in 25 g of polyphosphoric acid. After stirring for 1 hour at 140°C, the solution is hydrolyzed by the addition of iced  
15 water, then neutralized by a 50% aqueous solution of soda. The product obtained is extracted with dichloromethane, and the organic phase is washed 3 times with 25 ml of water, dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The desired product is obtained after purification by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: dichloromethane/ethanol 98/2).  
20 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 177.21; r.t. = 9.12 min.

55.5) *2-ethyl-6-methyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:*

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Stage 15.3 of Example 15, intermediate 55.4 replacing intermediate 15.2.  
NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 6.72 (s, 1H, CH); 2.98-2.93 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>);  
25 2.04 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.30 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 192.06; r.t. = 8.93 min.

55.6) *5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-ethyl-6-methyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:*

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Stage 15.4 of Example 15, intermediate 55.5 replacing intermediate 15.3 and *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine  
30 replacing aniline. Melting point: 135°C.  
NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 6.63 (t, 1H, NH); 3.62-3.58 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.92-2.86 (q, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.44-2.41 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.14 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.97 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.27 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 278.12; r.t. = 7.27 min.

**Example 56: 2-cyclopropyl-5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 2-cyclopropyl-6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

5 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 55, cyclohexane-1,3-dione replacing 5-methylcyclohexane-1,3-dione in the first stage and cyclopropanecarbonitrile replacing propionitrile in the second stage. Melting point: 155°C.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.35 (t, 1H, NH); 5.27 (s, 1H, CH);  
10 3.30-3.18 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.49-2.46 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.28-2.25 (m, 1H, CH);  
2.17 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.18-1.07 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 276.10; r.t. = 7.10 min.

**Example 57: mixture of 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-phenyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-phenyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 15, trimethyl orthobenzoate replacing triethyl orthopropionate in the first stage and *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine replacing aniline in the fourth and last stage. Melting point: 147°C.

20 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.15-8.08 (m, 2H, H arom.);  
7.70-7.61 (m, 3H, H arom.); 7.33 (t, 1H, NH); 5.38 (s, 1H, CH);  
3.26-3.21 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.19 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>).

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.38 and 5.39 ppm.

25 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 312.20; r.t. = 7.70 min.

**Example 58: mixture of 5-{{6-(dimethylamino)hexyl}amino}-2-phenyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-{{6-(dimethylamino)hexyl}amino}-2-phenyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

30 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 15, trimethyl orthobenzoate replacing triethyl orthopropionate in the first stage and 6-(dimethylamino)hexylamine replacing aniline in the fourth and last stage.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.34 and 5.35 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 368.20; r.t. = 8.10 min.

**Example 59: 5-[(1-ethylhexyl)amino]-2-phenyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione or 6-[(1-ethylhexyl)amino]-2-phenyl-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 15, trimethyl orthobenzoate replacing triethyl orthopropionate in the first stage and 2-ethylhexylamine replacing aniline in the fourth and last stage.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 353.20; r.t. = 12.50 min.

**Example 60: mixture of 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

*60.1) 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4-nitro-1,3-benzoxazole:*

2 g (32.4 mmol; 1 eq.) of boric acid is added to a solution of 5 g (32.4 mmol) of 2-amino-3-nitrophenol and 5.12 g (32.4 mmol; 1 eq.) of 2,6-difluorobenzoic acid in 50 ml of xylene. The mixture is heated under reflux of the xylene for 8 hours with elimination of the water formed by a Dean-Stark apparatus. After returning to ambient temperature, the reaction medium is diluted by 100 ml of ethyl acetate and neutralized by a 10% aqueous solution of soda. The organic phase is washed 3 times with 50 ml of water then with a saturated solution of NaCl before being dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4-nitro-1,3-benzoxazole is used without other purification in the following stage.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 277.00; r.t. = 10.45 min.

*60.2) 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazol-4-amine:*

14.3 g (63.5 mmol; 5 eq.) of tin chloride is added to a solution of 3.5 g (12.7 mmol) of 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4-nitro-1,3-benzoxazole in 60 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid. The mixture is stirred for 2 hours at 60°C, then, after returning to ambient temperature and the addition of 100 ml of water, is neutralized by a 50% aqueous solution of soda. The precipitate formed is filtered on a Celite bed and washed with ethanol. The resulting solution is concentrated under reduced pressure, then the desired product is extracted 3 times with 50 ml of ethyl acetate. The organic phases are combined, washed twice with 30 ml of a saturated solution of sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazol-4-amine is used without other purification in the following stage.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 247.08; r.t. = 10.02 min.

60.3) *2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:*

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Stage 15.3 of Example 15, intermediate 60.2 replacing intermediate 15.2. The expected product is obtained in the form of yellow crystals.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 261.93; r.t. = 9.62 min.

60.4) *mixture of 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:*

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Stage 15.4 of Example 15, intermediate 60.3 replacing intermediate 15.3 and (2-aminoethyl)pyrrolidine replacing aniline. Melting point: 150°C.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.78-7.76 (m, 1H, H arom.); 7.43-7.37 (m, 2H, H arom.); 5.41 (s, 1H, CH); 3.38-3.36 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.28-3.26 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.68-2.64 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.70-1.67 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>).

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazoledione ring which are 5.40 and 5.42 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 373.99; r.t. = 7.76 min.

*The compounds of Examples 61 to 65 are obtained in similar manner to that described for Example 60.*

**Example 61: mixture of 2-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.91-7.89 (d, 2H, H arom.); 6.83-6.81 (d, 2H, H arom.); 5.29 (s, 1H, CH); 3.47-3.42 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.41-3.38 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.25-3.21 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.19 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.12 (t, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>).

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazoledione ring which are 5.29 and 5.30 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 383.20; r.t. = 8.30 min.



**Example 62: mixture of 2-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 7.91-7.88 (d, 2H, H arom.);  
5 6.83-6.81 (d, 2H, H arom.); 5.29 (s, 1H, CH); 3.47-3.42 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>);  
3.37-3.35 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.26-3.23 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.66 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>);  
1.70-1.68 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.14 (t, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>).

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.28 and 5.29 ppm.

10 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 409.10; r.t. = 8.40 min.

**Example 63: mixture of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

Melting point: 169°C.

15 The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.39 and 5.41 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 346.20; r.t. = 8.10 min.

**Example 64: mixture of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and**  
20 **2-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 360.10; r.t. = 8.10 min.

**Example 65: mixture of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[[4-(dimethylamino)butyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-**  
25 **6-[[4-(dimethylamino)butyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 8.13-8.09 (m, 2H, H arom.); 7.70-7.67 (m, 2H, H arom.); 5.36 (s, 1H, CH); 3.18-3.15 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.25-2.21 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>);  
2.13 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.62-1.58 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.48-1.44 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.35 and 5.37 ppm.

30 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 374.10; r.t. = 8.20 min.

**Example 66: mixture of 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

**66.1) 2-diazocyclohexane-1,3-dione:**

- 5 A mixture of 4-acetamidobenzenesulphonylazide (25 g, 104 mmol) and triethylamine (36 ml, 250 mmol) in dichloromethane maintained at a temperature below 30°C by external cooling is treated dropwise by a solution of cyclohexane-1,3-dione (13 g, 115 mmol) in 200 ml of dichloromethane. The reaction mixture is stirred for 75 minutes at ambient temperature then filtered on Celite. After concentration to approximately 300  
10 ml, the filtrate is washed with water then dried over sodium sulphate. The brown-yellow solid (14 g; 88%) obtained by evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure is similar to that obtained in Example 55.1, and is used as it is in the following stage.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ): 1.93 (m, 2H); 2.50 (t, 4H).

NMR <sup>13</sup>C (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ): 18.20; 36.68; 190.96.

- 15 **66.2) 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-6,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-4(5H)-one:**

- A mixture of rhodium acetate (32 mg, 72 μmol) and 2-fluorobenzonitrile (2.31 ml; 22 mmol) in perfluorobenzene (5 ml) is treated at 60°C dropwise by a solution of diazocyclohexanedione (obtained in Stage 66.1; 1 g; 7.24 mmol) in 5 ml of perfluorobenzene. The reaction medium is maintained at 60°C until exhaustion of the  
20 release of nitrogen (1 hour; TLC on SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). After cooling down to ambient temperature and filtration, the solvent of the filtrate is evaporated. The residue is purified by chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: AcOEt/heptane: 1/1) in order to produce a light yellow powder.

- NMR <sup>1</sup>H (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 2.31 (m, 2H); 2.66 (m, 2H); 3.09 (t, 2H); 7.19-7.28 (m, 2H);  
25 7.48-7.50 (m, 1H); 8.15-8.19 (m, 1H).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 232.08; r.t. = 9.28 min.

**66.3) 5-bromo-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-6,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-4(5H)-one:**

- A solution of intermediate 66.2 (470 mg, 2 mmol) in acetic acid (5 ml) is treated with bromine in acetic acid (0.2M; 10 ml; 2 mmol) for 4 days at ambient temperature (TLC  
30 on SiO<sub>2</sub>: AcOEt/heptane: 1/1). The reaction medium is then diluted with water and extracted using dichloromethane. The organic phases are combined, washed with a saturated solution of bicarbonate then with a 5% solution of sodium disulphite. After drying over sodium sulphate and elimination of the volatile constituents under reduced

pressure, a yellow oil is obtained which is purified by chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: AcOEt/heptane: 1/1) in order to produce a white powder.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ): 2.49 (m, 2H); 2.73 (m, 1H); 3.15 (m, 2H); 4.95 (t, 1H); 7.39-7.48 (m, 2H); 7.63-7.67 (m, 1H); 8.03-8.08 (t, 1H).

5 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 309.93; r.t. = 10.08 min.

66.4) *2-(2-fluorophenyl)-4-hydroxy-1,3-benzoxazole*:

Intermediate 66.3 (6.52 g; 21 mmol) in solution in tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) is treated dropwise with diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (4.7 ml; 31 mmol). When the reaction is complete (1.5 hours; TLC on SiO<sub>2</sub>: AcOEt/heptane: 1/1), the reaction mixture is diluted  
10 with ethyl acetate then washed successively with 1N hydrochloric acid and a saturated solution of sodium chloride. The combined organic phases are dried and concentrated in order to produce a brown residue which is purified by chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>: AcOEt/heptane: 1/1) in order to produce a beige powder.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ): 6.80 (d, 1H); 7.19-7.26 (m, 2H); 7.41-7.49 (m, 2H);  
15 7.65 (m, 1H); 8.18 (t, 1H); 10.43 (s, 1H).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 230.07; r.t. = 10.03 min.

66.5) *2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione*:

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Stage 15.3 of Example 15, intermediate 66.4 replacing intermediate 15.2. A yellow powder is obtained.

20 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ): 6.94 (broad, 2H); 7.45-7.54 (m, 2H); 7.74 (m, 2H); 8.18 (t, 1H).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 244.04; r.t. = 9.73 min. (61%) and MH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> = 246.06; r.t. = 8.70 min.

66.6) *Mixture of 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione*:

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Stage 15.4 of Example 15, intermediate 66.5 replacing intermediate 15.3 and *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine replacing aniline. A ruby-coloured powder is obtained. Melting point: 191°C.

30 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ): 2.19 (s, 6H); 2.5 (m, 2H); 3.27 (m, 2H); 5.41 (s, 1H); 7.42-7.52 (m, 3H); 7.70 (m, 2H); 8.13 (m, 1H).

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.40 and 5.41 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 330.14; r.t. = 7.69 min.

**Example 67: mixture of 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 66, *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 152°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.39 and 5.41 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 356.1; r.t. = 7.8 min.

**Example 68: mixture of 2-(2-bromophenyl)-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2-bromophenyl)-6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

*68.1) 2-(2-bromophenyl)-6,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-4(5H)-one:*

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Stage 66.2, 2-bromobenzonitrile replacing 2-fluorobenzonitrile. A yellow solid is obtained.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 292.0; r.t. = 9.8 min.

*68.2) 5-bromo-2-(2-bromophenyl)-6,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-4(5H)-one:*

A mixture of intermediate 68.1 (6.6 g, 22 mmol) and CuBr<sub>2</sub> (10 g; 45 mmol) in ethyl acetate (250 ml) with approximately 1 ml of acetic acid added to it is taken to reflux for 3.5 hours (TLC on SiO<sub>2</sub>: AcOEt/heptane: 1/1). The reaction medium is then filtered on Celite, the filtrate is evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue is purified on a column (SiO<sub>2</sub>: AcOEt/heptane: 1/1) in order to produce a light yellow powder.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 371.8; r.t. = 10.5 min.

*68.3) 2-(2-bromophenyl)-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:*

This compound is obtained from intermediate 68.2 according to the operating methods described for Stages 66.4, 66.5 and 66.6. Melting point: 138°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.41 and 5.43 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 390.0; r.t. = 7.9 min.

**Example 69: mixture of 2-(2-bromophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2-bromophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 122°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.40 and 5.42 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 416.0; r.t. = 8.0 min.

**Example 70: mixture of 2-(2-bromophenyl)-5-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2-bromophenyl)-6-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, *N,N*-dimethylpropylenediamine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 119°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.38 and 5.40 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 404.0; r.t. = 8.0 min.

**Example 71: mixture of 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 66, 2-chlorobenzonitrile replacing 2-fluorobenzonitrile. Melting point: 137°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.39 and 5.41 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 346.1; r.t. = 7.8 min.

**Example 72: mixture of 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

5 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 71, *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 85°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.40 and 5.41 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 372.1; r.t. = 8.0 min.

10 **Example 73: mixture of 2-(3-bromophenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(3-bromophenyl)-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 3-bromobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile. Melting point: 133°C.

15 The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.39 and 5.41 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 390.0; r.t. = 8.1 min.

20 **Example 74: mixture of 2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(4-bromophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 4-bromobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile, and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 181°C.

25 The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.37 and 5.39 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 415.0; r.t. = 8.3 min.

**Example 75: mixture of 2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(4-bromophenyl)-6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 74, *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine replacing *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine. Melting point: 184°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.38 and 5.40 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 390.1; r.t. = 8.2 min.

**Example 76: mixture of 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-lethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

**76.1) 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-6,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-4(5H)-one:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Stage 66.2, 4-fluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-fluorobenzonitrile. A yellow solid is obtained.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 232.1; r.t. = 9.4 min.

**76.2) 5-bromo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-6,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-4(5H)-one:**

Pyridinium tribromide (996 mg; 3.11 mmol) is added in three equal portions separated by intervals of 2-3 minutes to a solution of intermediate 76.1 (600 mg; 2.59 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (25 ml) taken to 50°C. The reaction mixture is maintained at 50°C for 4 hours (TLC on SiO<sub>2</sub>: AcOEt/heptane: 1/1). The volatile constituents are evaporated under reduced pressure, then the residue is taken up in water and extracted with dichloromethane. The reaction medium is then filtered on Celite, the filtrate is evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue is purified on a column (SiO<sub>2</sub>: AcOEt/heptane: 1/1) in order to produce a light yellow powder. The organic phases are combined and washed with a 10% bicarbonate solution then with a saturated solution of sodium chloride. After drying over sodium sulphate and elimination of the volatile constituents under reduced pressure, the residue is purified by chromatography on a column (SiO<sub>2</sub>: AcOEt/heptane: 1/1) in order to produce a beige powder.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 312.0; r.t. = 10.3 min.

76.3) Mixture of 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:

5 This compound is obtained from intermediate 76.2 according to the operating methods described for Stages 66.4, 66.5 and 66.6. Melting point: 162°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.37 and 5.39 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 356.1; r.t. = 8.0 min.

**Example 77: mixture of 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

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The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 76, *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 170°C.

15 The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.38 and 5.39 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 330.1; r.t. = 7.8 min.

**Example 78: mixture of 5-[(1-benzylpyrrolidin-3-yl)amino]-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-[(1-benzylpyrrolidin-3-yl)amino]-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

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The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 76, (1-benzylpyrrolidin-3-yl)-amine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 180°C.

25 The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.37 and 5.39 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 418.1; r.t. = 8.5 min.



**Example 79: mixture of 5-{{3-(dimethylamino)propyl}amino}-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-{{3-(dimethylamino)propyl}amino}-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 5 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 76, *N,N*-dimethylpropylenediamine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 149°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.35 and 5.37 ppm.

- 10 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 344.2; r.t. = 7.9 min.

**Example 80: mixture of 2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 15 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 3,5-difluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 158°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.41 and 5.43 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 374.0; r.t. = 8.0 min.

- 20 **Example 81: mixture of 2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 25 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 3,5-difluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile. Melting point: 175°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.33 and 5.41 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 348.0; r.t. = 7.9 min.

**Example 82: mixture of 2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,5-difluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine.

Melting point: 163°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.40 and 5.42 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 374.0; r.t. = 7.9 min.

**Example 83: mixture of 2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,5-difluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.41 and 5.43 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 348.0; r.t. = 7.7 min.

**Example 84: mixture of 2-(2,3-difluorophenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,3-difluorophenyl)-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,3-difluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile. Melting point: 167°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.41 and 5.43 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 348.1; r.t. = 7.8 min.

**Example 85: mixture of 2-(2,3-difluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,3-difluorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,3-difluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 150°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.40 and 5.42 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 374.1; r.t. = 7.9 min.

**Example 86: mixture of 2-(2,3-difluorophenyl)-5-{[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,3-difluorophenyl)-6-{[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,3-difluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile, and *N,N*-dimethylpropylenediamine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 169°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.38 and 5.41 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 362.1; r.t. = 7.8 min.

**Example 87: mixture of 5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-2-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-2-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 3,4,5-trifluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile, and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.39 and 5.41 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 392.0; r.t. = 8.2 min.

**Example 88: mixture of 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 5 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 3,4,5-trifluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile.  
The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.40 and 5.42 ppm.  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 366.1; r.t. = 8.1 min.

- 10 **Example 89: mixture of 5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-2-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-2-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine  
15 replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine.  
The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.42 and 5.44 ppm.  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 410.0; r.t. = 8.2 min.

- Example 90: mixture of 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,3,4,5-tetrafluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile. Melting point: 160°C.  
25 The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.42 and 5.45 ppm.  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 384.0; r.t. = 8.1 min.

**Example 91: mixture of 5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-[2-fluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-[2-fluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 5 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2-fluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)-benzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile. The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.44 and 5.46 ppm. MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 398.0; r.t. = 8.0 min.

- 10 **Example 92: mixture of 2-[2-fluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-[2-fluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 15 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2-fluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)-benzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 166°C. The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.43 and 5.45 ppm. MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 424.1; r.t. = 8.1 min.

- 20 **Example 93: mixture of 5-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-2-[2-fluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-2-[2-fluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 25 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2-fluoro-6-(trifluoromethyl)-benzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N,N*-dimethylpropylenediamine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 128°C. The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.42 and 5.43 ppm. MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 412.0; r.t. = 8.0 min.
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**Example 94: mixture of 2-[2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-[2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 5 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-benzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile. Melting point: 182°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.43 and 5.46 ppm.

- 10 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 414.0; r.t. = 8.3 min.

**Example 95: mixture of 2-[2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-[2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 15 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-benzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 152°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.43 and 5.45 ppm.

- 20 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 440.0; r.t. = 8.5 min.

**Example 96: mixture of 2-[2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-{[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-[2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-6-{[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 25 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-benzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N,N*-dimethylpropylenediamine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 121°C.

- 30 The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.41 and 5.43 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 428.0; r.t. = 8.4 min.

**Example 97: mixture of 2-[2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl]-**

**5-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-[2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl]-6-[[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

5 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2-chloro-6-fluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.43 and 5.45 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 364.1; r.t. = 7.8 min.

**Example 98: mixture of 2-[2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl]-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-**

10 **ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-[2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl]-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2-chloro-6-fluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine. Melting point: 124°C.

15 The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.42 and 5.44 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 390.1; r.t. = 7.9 min.

**Example 99: mixture of 2-[3,4-dimethoxyphenyl]-**

**5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and**

20 **2-[3,4-dimethoxyphenyl]-6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

99.1) 2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-4(5H)-one:

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Stage 66.2, 3,4-dimethoxybenzonitrile replacing 2-fluorobenzonitrile. A yellow solid is obtained.

25 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 274.0; r.t. = 8.9 min.

99.2) 5-iodo-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazol-4(5H)-one:

A solution of intermediate 99.1 (500 mg, 1.83 mmol) in acetic acid (30 ml) is treated for 96 hours at ambient temperature with poly[styrene-*co*-(4-vinylpyridinium dichloriodate(1-))] (2.6 g; 8.25 mEq; prepared according to B Šket et al., *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn* (1989), **62**, 3406-3408) (TLC verification on SiO<sub>2</sub>: 2% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The polymer is removed by filtration and the volatile constituents are evaporated under

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reduced pressure. The residue is purified on a column (SiO<sub>2</sub>: 1% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) in order to produce a yellow oil.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 399.9; r.t. = 9.8 min.

99.3) *Mixture of 2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:*

This compound is obtained from intermediate 99.2 according to the operating methods described for Stages 66.4, 66.5 and 66.6. Melting point: 181°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.35 and 5.36 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 372.1; r.t. = 7.6 min.

**Example 100: mixture of 2-[2-bromo-3-pyridyl]-5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-[2-bromo-3-pyridyl]-6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2-bromonicotinonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile. Melting point: 133°C.

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.43 and 5.45 ppm.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 391.0; r.t. = 7.4 min.

**Example 101: mixture of 2-cyclohexyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 2-cyclohexyl-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

101.1) *N-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide:*

1 ml (7.62 mmol, 1.1 eq.) of cyclohexanoic acid chloride is added to a solution of 1.05 g (6.89 mmol) of 2,5-dimethoxyaniline in 10 ml of a mixture toluene/methanol (1/1). The reaction mixture is maintained under stirring at 70°C for 1.5 hour, and, after returning to ambient temperature, is poured into 50 ml of water. The expected product is extracted twice with 50 ml of toluene, then washed twice with 50 ml of water. The organic phases are combined, dried over magnesium sulphate and the solvent evaporated off under reduced pressure. 1.46 g (yield = 67%) of *N*-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide is obtained and used without other purification in the following stage.



NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 8.84 (s, 1H, NH); 7.72-7.71 (m, 1H, H arom.); 6.93-6.91 (d, 1H, H arom.); 6.60-6.57 (m, 1H, H arom.); 3.76 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.66 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.78-1.70 (m, 6H,  $\text{CH}_2$ , CH); 1.38-1.24 (m, 5H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ).

MS-LC:  $\text{MH}^+ = 264.14$ ; r.t. = 10.76 min.

5    101.2) *N*-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)cyclohexanecarbothioamide:

1.46 g (5.54 mmol) of *N*-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide is placed in solution in 40 ml of anhydrous toluene. The solution is taken to 100°C, and 3.34 g (8.26 mmol; 1.5 eq.) of Lawesson's reagent are added to the reaction medium which is then maintained under stirring at 100°C for 4 hours. After returning to ambient  
10    temperature, the solution is poured into 50 ml of iced water and extracted using toluene. The organic phases are dried over magnesium sulphate and the solvent is evaporated off. The *N*-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)cyclohexanecarbothioamide is then purified by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: dichloromethane/heptane: 1/1 then 3/2). 1.26 g (yield = 81 %) of product is obtained in the form of yellow oil.

15    NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 10.76 (s, 1H, NH); 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H, H arom.); 7.02-6.99 (d, 1H, H arom.); 6.82-6.80 (m, 1H, H arom.); 3.73 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.68 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.77-1.75 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1.67-1.58 (m, 3H,  $\text{CH}_2$ , CH); 1.31-1.15 (m, 4H, 2 $\text{CH}_2$ ).

MS-LC:  $\text{MH}^+ = 280.12$ ; r.t. = 11.38 min.

20    101.3) 2-cyclohexyl-4,7-dimethoxy-1,3-benzothiazole:

1.26 g (4.50 mmol) of *N*-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)cyclohexanecarbothioamide is dissolved in 100 ml of a 1.5 M sodium hydroxide solution (100 ml) and the reaction medium is cooled down to 0°C before adding 25 ml of a freshly prepared 20 % aqueous solution of potassium ferricyanide (5.05 g of  $\text{K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$ ; 3.4 eq.). The reaction  
25    mixture is maintained under stirring at ambient temperature for 24 hours, then 1.1 g (yield = 88 %) of the expected benzothiazole derivative is obtained by filtration, washing with cold water and drying under reduced pressure in the presence of  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ .

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 6.95-6.85 (dd, 2H, H arom.); 3.88 (s, 6H, 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.10-3.04 (m, 1H, CH); 2.10-2.07 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1.81-1.77 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ );  
30    1.70-1.67 (m, 1H, CH); 1.57-1.51 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1.42-1.39 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); 1.26-1.28 (m, 1H, CH).

MS-LC:  $\text{MH}^+ = 278.09$ ; r.t. = 11.91 min.

101.4) *2-cyclohexyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione*:

1 g (3.61 mmol) of 2-cyclohexyl-4,7-dimethoxy-1,3-benzothiazole is put into suspension in an acetonitrile/water mixture (3/1) at 0°C then 4.36 g (7.96 mmol; 2.2 eq.) of cerium (IV) and ammonium nitrate are added to the suspension. The reaction mixture is maintained for 1.5 hours under stirring at ambient temperature, then 0.78 g (yield = 88 %) of 2-cyclohexyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione is obtained after filtration, washing with cold water and drying under reduced pressure.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 6.90 (s, 2H); 3.15-3.10 (m, 1H, CH); 2.10-2.07 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.81-1.77 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.65-1.70 (m, 1H, CH); 1.55-1.39 (m, 5H, CH, CH<sub>2</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 248.12; r.t. = 10.82 min.

101.5) *N-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)cyclohexanecarboxamide*:

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Stage 15.4 of Example 15, intermediate 101.4 replacing intermediate 15.3 and *N,N*-dimethylethylene diamine replacing aniline. A mixture of 80 % and 9 % of 2-cyclohexyl-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and of 2-cyclohexyl-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione is obtained.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.20 (t, 1H, NH); 5.49 and 5.43 (2s, H); 3.24-3.21 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.09-3.12 (m, 3H, CH, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.19 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.09-2.06 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.80-1.77 (m, 3H, CH, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.53-1.49 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.41-1.38 (m, 1H, CH).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 334.17; r.t. = 7.99 and 8.06 min.

*The compounds of Examples 102 to 113 are obtained in a similar manner to that described for Example 101.*

**Example 102: mixture of 2-cyclohexyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 2-cyclohexyl-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 360.16; r.t. = 8.14 and 8.19 min.

**Example 103: mixture of 5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-2-thien-2-yl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-2-thien-2-yl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 360.01; r.t. = 7.78 and 7.86 min.

- 5    **Example 104: mixture of 2-(2,5-dichlorothien-3-yl)-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,5-dichlorothien-3-yl)-6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 401.86; r.t. = 8.44 and 8.59 min.

- 10    **Example 105: mixture of 2-(2,5-dichlorothien-3-yl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,5-dichlorothien-3-yl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 427.87; r.t. = 8.63 and 8.80 min.

- 15    **Example 106: mixture of 2-(2-furyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2-furyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 344.04; r.t. = 7.57 and 7.64 min.

- 20    **Example 107: mixture of 5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 358.18; r.t. = 7.88 and 7.97 min.

- 25    **Example 108: mixture of 5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 6-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 346.14; r.t. = 7.85 and 7.94 min.

**Example 109: mixture of 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 372.14; r.t. = 7.97 and 8.06 min.

5 **Example 110: mixture of 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 372.05; r.t. = 7.98 and 8.07 min.

10 **Example 111: mixture of 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 346.05; r.t. = 7.87 and 7.95 min.

15 **Example 112: mixture of 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 390.04; r.t. = 7.89 and 7.95 min.

20 **Example 113: mixture of 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 364.05; r.t. = 7.78 and 7.83 min.

**Example 114: 5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl](ethyl)amino]-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

25 This compound is obtained in a similar manner to that described for Example 1, *N,N,N'*-trimethylethylenediamine replacing 4-(2-aminoethyl)morpholine.

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 5.53 (s, 1H, CH); 3.73-3.70 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.93 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.74 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.32-2.30 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.92 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 280.11; r.t. = 7.03 min.

**Example 115: 5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl](methyl)amino]-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

This compound is obtained in a similar manner to that described for Example 1, *N,N*-dimethyl-*N*'-ethylenediamine replacing 4-(2-aminoethyl)morpholine.

5 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 294.07; r.t. = 7.20 min.

**Example 116: mixture of 2-[2,6-dichloro-5-fluoro-3-pyridyl]-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-[2,6-dichloro-5-fluoro-3-pyridyl]-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

10 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,6-dichloro-5-fluoronicotinonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 399.1; r.t. = 8.1 min.

**Example 117: mixture of 2-[2,6-dichloro-5-fluoro-3-pyridyl]-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-[2,6-dichloro-5-fluoro-3-pyridyl]-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

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The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,6-dichloro-5-fluoronicotinonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 399.1; r.t. = 8.1 min.

**Example 118: mixture of 2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

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**5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and**

**2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,4-difluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile.

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MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 348.1; r.t. = 7.8 min.

**Example 119: mixture of 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- 5 The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,3,4-trifluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile. Melting point: 156°C.  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 366.1; r.t. = 8.0 min.

**Example 120: mixture of 5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-2-(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-2-(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 2,3,4-trifluorobenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine.  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 392.1; r.t. = 8.1 min.

15 **Example 121: mixture of 2-(3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68, 3-fluoro-4-methylbenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile. Melting point: 179°C.  
20 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 344.1; r.t. = 8.1 min.

**Example 122: mixture of 2-(3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(3-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

- The experimental protocol used is identical to that described for Example 68,  
25 3-fluoro-4-methylbenzonitrile replacing 2-bromobenzonitrile and *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-pyrrolidine replacing *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine.  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 370.1; r.t. = 8.2 min.

*The compounds of Examples 123 to 127 are obtained in a similar manner to that described for Example 101.*

**Example 123: mixture of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

5 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 362.07; r.t. = 8.11 and 8.20 min.

**Example 124: mixture of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 388.04; r.t. = 8.23 and 8.34 min.

10 **Example 125: mixture of 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 400.01; r.t. = 8.23 and 8.32 min.

15 **Example 126: mixture of 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 6-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 382.03; r.t. = 8.10 and 8.19 min.

20 **Example 127: mixture of 5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-2-(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione and 6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-2-(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 408.02; r.t. = 7.97 and 8.05 min.

25 *The compounds of Examples 128 to 131 are obtained in a similar manner to that described for Example 66.*

**Example 128: mixture of 2-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

5 The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.35 and 5.37 ppm.  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 356.07; r.t. = 7.72 min.

**Example 129: mixture of 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and of 6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

10 The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.36 and 5.38 ppm.  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 340.18; r.t. = 8.24 min.

**Example 130: mixture of 2-(4-ethylphenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 2-(4-ethylphenyl)-6-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.35 and 5.36 ppm.  
MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 366.15; r.t. = 8.34 min.

20 **Example 131: mixture of 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-(2-fluoro-6-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione and 6-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-(2-fluoro-6-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-benzoxazole-4,7-dione:**

The two components of the mixture can be characterized by the NMR shifts (400 MHz) of the single proton of the benzoxazolidione ring which are 5.39 and 5.40 ppm.  
25 MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 360.09; r.t. = 7.67 min.



**Example 132: 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

132.1) *N*-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,6-difluorobenzamide:

5.5 ml (39.2 mmol; 1.2 equivalent) of triethylamine and 4.5 ml (35.9 mmol; 1.1 equivalent) of 2,6-difluorobenzoyl chloride are added to 5 g (32.6 mmol) of 3,5-dimethoxyaniline in solution in 100 ml of anhydrous toluene. The reaction medium is maintained under stirring at 70 °C for 1 hour 30 minutes, then, after returning to ambient temperature, is washed with 3 times 50 ml of water. The resulting organic phase is dried over magnesium sulphate then the solvent is evaporated off under reduced pressure. The expected product is obtained in the form of a white powder (8.75 g; yield 97 %) used in the following stage without other purification.

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 294.11; r.t. = 9.93 min.

132.2) *N*-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,6-difluorobenzenecarbothioamide:

20.3 g (50 mmol; 1.5 equivalents) of Lawesson's reagent is added to 9.8 g (33.4 mmol) of *N*-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,6-difluorobenzamide in solution in 150 ml of anhydrous toluene. The reaction medium is maintained under stirring at 120 °C for 8 hours, then, after returning to ambient temperature, is washed with 3 times 75 ml of water. The resulting organic phase is dried over magnesium sulphate then the solvent is evaporated off under reduced pressure. The residue is purified by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: dichloromethane/methanol 98/2) and the expected product is obtained in the form of a green oil (10 g; yield = 96 %).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 310.06; r.t. = 10.53 min.

132.3) 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5,7-dimethoxy-1,3-benzothiazole:

170 ml (103 mmol; 3 equivalents) of a freshly prepared 20% aqueous solution of potassium ferricyanide is added to 10.3 g (33.3 mmol) of *N*-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,6-difluorobenzenecarbothioamide dissolved in 150 ml of a soda solution at 1.5M. The reaction medium is maintained under stirring at ambient temperature for 24 hours, then the beige precipitate formed is filtered, washed with water and dried (6.8 g; yield = 66%). The mother liquors can be extracted with 3 times 75 ml of dichloromethane, then the organic phases are washed with a saturated solution of sodium chloride. After concentration under reduced pressure, the residue obtained can be purified on a silica column (eluent: ethyl acetate/heptane: 1/3) to provide an additional 2 g of expected product (overall yield = 86%). Melting point: 136-138°C.

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 7.65 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H, arom. H); 6.75 (m, 1H, arom. H); 3.96 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.87 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).

MS-LC:  $\text{MH}^+ = 308.12$ ; r.t. = 11.48 min.

132.4) 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:

5 132.4.1) 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5,7-dimethoxy-4-nitro-1,3-benzothiazole:

A solution of 16 g (29.3 mmol; 3 equivalents) of cerium ammonium nitrate in 40 ml of water is added dropwise to 3 g (9.76 mmol) of 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5,7-dimethoxy-1,3-benzothiazole in solution in 75 ml of ethyl acetate. The reaction mixture is maintained under stirring for 2 hours at ambient temperature, then washed with 3 times  
10 20 ml of water. The organic phases are dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue is purified by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: ethyl acetate/heptane: 3/7). Two fractions are separated:

0.3 g (yield = 10%) of 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione is obtained in the form of a yellow powder.

15 MS-LC:  $\text{MH}^+ = 308.08$ ; r.t. = 10 min.

1.5 g of 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5,7-dimethoxy-4-nitro-1,3-benzothiazole (yield 45%) is obtained in the form of an orange powder.

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 7.72 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.38 (m, 2H, arom. H); 7.11 (m, 1H, arom. H); 4.12 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 4.07 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).

20 MS-LC:  $\text{MH}^+ = 353.05$ ; r.t. = 11.30 min.

132.4.2) 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5,7-dimethoxy-1,3-benzothiazol-4-amine:

230 mg (0.65 mmol) of intermediate 132.4.1 in solution in 15 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid is reacted with 0.5 g (2.2 mmol; 3.4 equivalents) of dihydrated tin chloride in 5 ml of water. The reaction mixture is maintained under stirring for 2 hours  
25 at 50°C, then after returning to ambient temperature, is poured onto ice before neutralizing with a 5M soda solution. The product is then extracted with 3 times 15 ml of dichloromethane, the organic phases are combined, washed with a saturated solution of sodium chloride, dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered then, after concentration under reduced pressure, the expected product is obtained in the form of a yellow oil. It  
30 is used in the following stage without other purification.

NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 7.67 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.34 (m, 2H, arom. H); 6.92 (s, 1H, arom. H); 3.91 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ); 3.90 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).

MS-LC:  $\text{MH}^+ = 323.10$ ; r.t. = 9.86 min.

132.4.3) 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:

A solution of 1.22 g of cerium ammonium nitrate (2.23 mmol, 2.1 equivalents) in 8 ml of water is added to 343 mg (1.06 mmol) of 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5,7-dimethoxy-1,3-benzothiazol-4-amine in solution in 25 ml of ethyl acetate. The reaction mixture is maintained under vigorous stirring at ambient temperature for 1 hour 30 minutes then the organic phase is separated and washed with 3 times 20 ml of water, then dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered and the solvent is evaporated off under reduced pressure. The residue is purified by chromatography on a silica column (eluent: ethyl acetate/heptane: 3/7) and 280 mg (yield = 86%) of 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione is obtained in the form of a yellow powder. NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.72 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.39 (m, 2H, arom. H); 6.32 (s, 1H, CH); 3.88 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 308.05; r.t. = 9.99 min.

132.5) 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:

104 ml (0.95 mmol; 1.5 equivalents) of N,N-dimethylethylenediamine is added to 195 mg of 2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-5-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione in solution in 20 ml of anhydrous ethanol. The reaction mixture is stirred at 70°C for 2 hours then the solvent is evaporated off under reduced pressure. The residue is purified on a silica column (eluent: 5% methanol in dichloromethane). 130 mg (yield = 57%) of expected compound is obtained in the form of a red powder. NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.72 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.52 (m, 1H, NH.); 7.38 (m, 2H, arom. H); 5.60 (s, 1H, CH); 3.28 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.53 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.20 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>). MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 364.14; r.t. = 7.85 min.

*The compounds of Examples 133 to 138 are obtained in a similar manner to that described for Example 132, suitable acyl chlorides replacing 2,6-difluorobenzoyl chloride in the first stage and N-(2-aminoethyl)pyrrolidine replacing N,N-dimethylethylenediamine in the last stage for Examples 134, 136 and 138.*

**Example 133: 2-(2,5-dichlorothien-3-yl)-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

133.1) *2,5-dichloro-N-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)thiophene-3-carboxamide:*

5 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 10.20 (s, 1H, NH); 7.47 (s, 1H, arom. H); 6.95 (s, 1H, arom. H); 6.27 (s, 1H, arom. H); 3.72 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 332.01; r.t. = 11.08 min.

133.2) *2,5-dichloro-N-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)thiophene-3-carbothioamide:*

10 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 11.96 (s, 1H, NH); 7.30 (s, 1H, arom. H); 7.25 (s, 1H, arom. H); 6.44 (s, 1H, arom. H); 3.74 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 348.00; r.t. = 11.55 min.

133.3) *2-(2,5-dichlorothien-3-yl)-5,7-dimethoxy-1,3-benzothiazole:*

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.72 (s, 1H, arom. H); 7.22 (s, 1H, arom. H); 6.73 (s, 1H, arom. H); 3.96 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 3.86 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 345.94; r.t. = 12.77 min.

15 133.4) *2-(2,5-dichlorothien-3-yl)-5-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:*

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.75 (s, 1H, arom. H); 6.31 (s, 1H, CH); 3.88 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 345.98; r.t. = 11.52 min.

20 133.5) *2-(2,5-dichlorothien-3-yl)-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:*

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.72 (s, 1H, arom. H); 7.51 (m, 1H, NH); 5.58 (s, 1H, CH); 3.36 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.54 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.20 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 402.06; r.t. = 8.42 min.

25 **Example 134: 2-(2,5-dichlorothien-3-yl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 427.97; r.t. = 8.70 min.

**Example 135: 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

135.1) *N*-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-4-fluorobenzamide:

5 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 10.15 (s, 1H, NH); 8.01 (m, 2H, arom. H); 7.36 (m, 2H, arom. H); 7.05 (m, 2H, arom. H); 6.26 (s, 1H, arom. H); 3.73 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 276.17; r.t. = 10.07 min.

135.2) *N*-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-4-fluorobenzenecarbothioamide:

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 292.17; r.t. = 10.72 min.

10 135.3) 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5,7-dimethoxy-1,3-benzothiazole:

NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.11 (m, 2H, arom. H); 7.40 (m, 2H, arom. H); 7.22 (s, 1H, arom. H); 6.69 (s, 1H, arom. H); 3.95 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 3.86 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 290.07; r.t. = 11.93 min.

135.4) 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:

15 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.15 (m, 2H, arom. H); 7.42 (m, 2H, arom. H); 6.28 (s, 1H, CH); 3.87 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 290.14; r.t. = 11.95 min.

135.5) 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:

20 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.11 (m, 2H, arom. H); 7.48 (m, 1H, NH); 7.41 (m, 2H, arom. H); 5.57 (s, 1H, CH); 3.26 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.55 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.22 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 346.18; r.t. = 8.01 min.

**Example 136: 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

25 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 8.12 (m, 2H, arom. H); 7.58 (m, 1H, NH); 7.41 (m, 2H, arom. H); 5.55 (s, 1H, CH); 3.41 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.69 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.51 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.44 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.70 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 372.19; r.t. = 8.12 min.

**Example 137: 2-(2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

137.1) 2-chloro-N-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-6-fluorobenzamide:

5 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 10.69 (s, 1H, NH); 7.53 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.43 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.37 (m, 1H, arom. H); 6.93 (m, 2H, arom. H); 6.29 (s, 1H, arom. H); 3.72 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 310.15; r.t. = 10.11 min.

137.2) 2-chloro-N-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-6-fluorobenzenecarbothioamide:

10 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.41 (m, 2H, arom. H); 7.27 (m, 3H, arom. H); 6.46 (s, 1H, arom. H); 3.75 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 326.09; r.t. = 10.73 min.

137.3) 2-(2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)-5,7-dimethoxy-1,3-benzothiazole:

15 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.66 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.56 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.47 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.30 (s, 1H, arom. H); 6.77 (s, 1H, arom. H); 3.96 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); 3.88 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 324.03; r.t. = 11.60 min.

137.4) 2-(2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)-5-methoxy-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:

20 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.69 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.61 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.52 (m, 1H, arom. H); 6.32 (s, 1H, CH); 3.88 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 324.03; r.t. = 9.23 min.

137.5) 2-(2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:

25 NMR <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.67 (s, 1H, arom. H); 7.59 (m, 1H, arom. H); 7.55 (m, 1H, NH); 7.49 (m, 1H, arom. H); 5.61 (s, 1H, CH); 3.36 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.54 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.19 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>).

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 380.10; r.t. = 7.88 min.

**Example 138: 2-(2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione:**

MS-LC: MH<sup>+</sup> = 406.10; r.t. = 8.01 min.

**Pharmacological study for Examples 1 to 131 of the compounds of general formula**

5 **(I)**

*Test protocols*

*i) Measurement of the phosphatase activity of the purified Cdc25C recombinant enzyme*

The phosphatase activity of the MBP-Cdc25C protein is evaluated by dephosphorylation of 3-O-methylfluorescein-phosphate (OMFP) to 3-O-methylfluorescein (OMF) with determination of the fluorescence of the reaction product at 475 nm. This test allows identification of the inhibitors of cdc25 recombinant enzyme. The preparation of the fusion protein MBP-cdc25C is described in PCT Patent Application WO 01/44467.

The reaction is carried out in 384-well plate format in a final volume of 50 µl. The MBP-Cdc25C protein (prepared as described above) is stored in the following elution buffer: 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.4; 250 mM NaCl; 1mM EDTA; 1 mM of dithiothreitol (DTT); 10 mM maltose. It is diluted to a concentration of 60 µM in the following reaction buffer: 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.2; 50 mM NaCl; 1 mM DTT; 20% glycerol. Measurement of the background noise is carried out with the buffer without addition of the enzyme. The products are tested at decreasing concentrations starting from 40 µM. The reaction is initiated by the addition of an OMFP solution at 500 µM final (prepared extemporaneously from a 12.5 mM stock solution in 100% DMSO (Sigma #M2629)) . After 4 hours at 30°C in a disposable 384-well plate, the fluorescence measured at OD 475 nm is read using a Victor<sup>2</sup> plate reader (EGG-Wallac). Determination of the 50% inhibitory concentration of the enzymatic reaction is calculated from three independent experiments. Only the values included in the linear part of the sigmoid are retained for linear regression analysis.

ii) *Characterization of the antiproliferative activity:*

By way of example, the effect of a treatment on two human cell lines Mia-Paca2 and DU145 with the compounds of the examples described previously will be studied. The cell lines DU145 (human prostate cancer cells) and Mia-PaCa2 (human pancreas cancer cells) were acquired from the American Tissue Culture Collection (Rockville, Maryland, USA). The cells placed in 80  $\mu$ l of Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's medium (Gibco-Brl, Cergy-Pontoise, France) completed with 10% foetal calf serum inactivated by heating (Gibco-Brl, Cergy-Pontoise, France), 50,000 units/l of penicillin and 50 mg/l of streptomycin (Gibco-Brl, Cergy-Pontoise, France), and 2 mM of glutamine (Gibco-Brl, Cergy-Pontoise, France) were seeded on a 96-well plate on day 0. The cells were treated on day 1 for 96 hours with increasing concentrations of each of the compounds to be tested up to 10  $\mu$ M. At the end of this period, quantification of cell proliferation is evaluated by a colorimetric test based on the cleavage of the tetrazolium salt WST1 by the mitochondrial dehydrogenases in viable cells leading to the formation of formazan (Boehringer Mannheim, Meylan, France). These tests are carried out in duplicate with 8 determinations per concentration tested. For each compound to be tested, the values included in the linear part of the sigmoid were retained for a linear regression analysis and used to estimate the inhibitory concentration IC<sub>50</sub>. The products are solubilized in dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO) at 10<sup>-2</sup> M and finally used in culture with 0.1% DMSO.

Results of the tests

- a) The compounds of Examples 1 to 98, 101 to 104 and 107 to 115 have an IC<sub>50</sub> below or equal to 10  $\mu$ M on the phosphatase activity of the purified Cdc25-C recombinant enzyme.
- b) The compounds of Examples 1 to 9, 11, 14 to 34, 36 to 53, 55 to 58, 60 to 98 and 101 to 115 have an IC<sub>50</sub> below or equal to 10  $\mu$ M on the cell proliferation of Mia-Paca2 lines.
- c) The compounds of Examples 1 to 9, 11, 14 to 34, 36 to 53, 55 to 58, 60 to 98 and 101 to 115 have an IC<sub>50</sub> below or equal to 10  $\mu$ M on the cell proliferation of DU-145 lines.



#### **EXAMPLE OF COMPOUND OF GENERAL FORMULA (IV):**

Preparation of [7-(2-(R)-amino-1-oxo-3-thiopropyl)-(S)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-imidazo-[1,2a]-pyrazine]dimer tetrahydrochloride

5 Stage 1: [7-(2-(R)-t-butyloxycarbonylamino-1-oxo-3-thiopropyl)-(S)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-imidazo-[1,2a]-pyrazine]dimer :

Condensation of 2 equivalents of (S)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-imidazo-[1,2a]-pyrazine (obtained according to the protocol described in PCT application WO 97/30053) with 1 equivalent of Boc-L-Cystine is carried out in dimethylformamide in the presence of HBTU and diisopropylethylamine. After  
10 completion of the reaction, the reaction medium is diluted with water and the product collected by filtration. Purification by chromatography on silica allows to isolate the product with a yield of 60%.

Stage 2: [7-(2-(R)-amino-1-oxo-3-thiopropyl)-(S)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-imidazo-[1,2a]-pyrazine]dimer tetrahydrochloride:

15 The product of stage 1 is dissolved in isopropanol. After cooling down at 0°C, an excess of a HCl solution in isopropanol is added dropwise to monitor the release rate of the gas formed by the Boc deprotection. After agitation one night at ambient temperature, the completion of the reaction induces *in situ* crystallization of the tetrahydrochloride. The reaction medium is then cooled down at 0°C to complete crystallization. Filtration,  
20 washing of the crystals with isopropanol and drying under vacuum allows to isolate the expected product with a yield of 75%.

#### **EXAMPLES OF COMBINATIONS ACCORDING TO THE INVENTION**

##### **A) TEST OF CELL PROLIFERATION ON THE HT-29 CELLS**

25 The combinations presented as examples of combinations according to the invention can be tested with regard to their biological activity and the results of the combination compared with the results obtained for each of the compounds of the combination used

separately. The protocol for the test used to obtain the results shown is described below:

#### *Cell line*

The HT-29 cell line (human colon cancer cells) were acquired from the American  
5 Tissue Culture Collection (Rockville, Maryland, USA).

#### *Measurement of in vitro cell proliferation*

The HT-29 cells ( 2000 cells/well) are cultured in 96-well plates.

On day 0, these cells are seeded in 90 µl of Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium  
(Gibco-Brl, Cergy-Pontoise, France) completed with 10% foetal calf serum inactivated by  
10 heating (Gibco-Brl, Cergy-Pontoise, France ), 50000 units/l of penicillin and 50 mg/l  
streptomycin (Gibco-Brl, Cergy-Pontoise, France), and 2 mM of glutamine (Gibco-Brl,  
Cergy-Pontoise, France).

The cells were treated simultaneously with concentrations of two products individually  
or in combination on Day 1 and for 120 hours.

15 At the end of the of this period (D6), quantification of cell proliferation is evaluated by  
a colorimetric test based on the cleavage of the tetrazolium salt WST1 by mitochondrial  
dehydrogenases in living cells leading to the formation of formazan (Boehringer  
Mannheim, Meylan, France). These tests are carried out at least in duplicate with 4  
determinations for each individual product and for each combination tested. This  
20 allows determination of the number of living cells at the end of each treatment.

### **B) COMBINATIONS ACCORDING TO THE INVENTION**

#### **Combination 1:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-methyl-  
1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

25 Combined anti-cancer agent = 5-fluorouracil (**B1**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B1 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-6}$ M)	Compound B1 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-6}$ M) individually
35	13	42

**Combination 2:**

- 5 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = mitomycin C (**B2**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

10

Compound A1 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B2 ( $10^{-7}$ M)	Compound B2 ( $10^{-7}$ M) individually
91	36	49

**Combination 3:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = taxol (**B3**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B3 ( $5 \times 10^{-9}$ M)	Compound B3 ( $5 \times 10^{-9}$ M) individually
18	9	74

**Combination 4:**

- 5 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

Combined anti-cancer agent= cisplatin (**B4**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

10

Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B4 ( $10^{-5}$ M)	Compound B4 ( $10^{-5}$ M) individually
31	11	33

**Combination 5:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = methotrexate (**B5**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B5 ( $5 \times 10^{-8}$ M)	Compound B5 ( $5 \times 10^{-8}$ M) individually
27	17	83

**Combination 6:**

- 5 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = doxorubicin (**B6**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

10

Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B6 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M)	Compound B6 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually
25	9	38

**Combination 7:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{{2-(dimethylamino)ethyl}amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

- 15 Combined anti-cancer agent = 4-(2-bromophenyl)-1-(2-(1-((4-cyano-3-methoxy)phenylmethyl)imidazo-5-yl)-1-oxoethyl)-1,2-dihydro-8-fluoroimidazo[1,2a][1,4]-benzodiazepine (**B7**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B7 ( $10^{-5}$ M)	Compound B7 ( $10^{-5}$ M) individually
51	14	92

**Combination 8:**

- 5 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = 8-bromo-2-(1R-isopropyl-2-hydroxyethylamino)-4-(3-fluorophenylmethylamino)-pyrazolo[1,5-a]-1,3,5-triazine (**B8**)

- 10 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B8 ( $10^{-6}$ M)	Compound B8 ( $10^{-6}$ M) individually
47	6	69

**Combination 9:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

- 15 Combined anti-cancer agent = (1R)-1-[(2R)-2-amino-3-[(8S)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-7(8H)-yl]-3-oxopropyl}dithio)methyl]-2-[(8S)-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-7(8H)-yl]-2-oxoethylamine tetrahydrochloride (**B9**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B9 ( $10^{-5}$ M)	Compound B9 ( $10^{-5}$ M) individually
36	9	38

**Combination 10:**

- 5 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = amsacrine (**B10**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

10

Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B10 ( $10^{-7}$ M)	Compound B10 ( $10^{-7}$ M) individually
42	39	89

**Combination 11:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = SN-38 (**B11**)

- 15 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B11 ( $5 \times 10^{-9}$ M)	Compound B11 ( $5 \times 10^{-9}$ M) individually
44	7	98

**Combination 12:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = diflomotecan (**B12**)

- 5 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B12 ( $10^{-9}$ M)	Compound B12 ( $10^{-9}$ M) individually
33	22	83

**Combination 13:**

- 10 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = BN-80927 or (+)-9-chloro-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-10-methyl-12-(4-methylpiperidinomethyl)-4,5,13,15-tetrahydro-1H,3H-oxepino[3',4':6,7]indolizino[1,2-c]quinoline-3,15-dione hydrochloride (**B13**)

- 15 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.



Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B13 ( $10^{-9}$ M)	Compound B13 ( $10^{-9}$ M) individually
43	32	91

**Combination 14:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione hydrochloride (**A1**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = roscovitine (**B14**)

- 5 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A1 ( $10^{-6}$ M) individually	Compound A1 ( $10^{-6}$ M) + compound B14 ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$ M)	Compound B14 ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$ M) individually
36	0	44

**Combination 15:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = menadione (**A2**)

- 10 Combined anti-cancer agent = roscovitine (**B14**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A2 ( $4 \times 10^{-5}$ M) individually	Compound A2 ( $4 \times 10^{-5}$ M) + compound B14 ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$ M)	Compound B14 ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$ M) individually
7	0	47

**Combination 16:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = menadione (**A2**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = 8-bromo-2-(1R-isopropyl-2-hydroxyethylamino)-4-(3-fluorophenylmethylamino)-pyrazolo[1,5-a]-1,3,5-triazine (**B8**)

- 5 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A2 ( $4 \times 10^{-5}$ M) individually	Compound A2 ( $4 \times 10^{-5}$ M) + compound B8 ( $10^{-6}$ M)	Compound B8 ( $10^{-6}$ M) individually
33	4	17

*Combinations 17 to 19 produce results similar to those observed for combinations 11 to 13.*

10 **Combination 17:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A3**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = diflomotecan (**B12**)

**Combination 18:**

- 15 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A4**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = BN-80927 or (+)-9-chloro-5-ethyl-5-hydroxy-10-methyl-12-(4-methylpiperidinomethyl)-4,5,13,15-tetrahydro-1H,3H-oxepino[3',4':6,7]indolizino[1,2-c]quinoline-3,15-dione hydrochloride (**B13**)

20 **Combination 19:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-(2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)-5-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione (**A5**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = diflomotecan (**B12**)

*Combinations 20 to 22 produce results similar to those observed for combination 8.*

**Combination 20:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A3**)

- 5 Combined anti-cancer agent = 8-bromo-4-[(3-pyridyl)methylamino]-2-methylthio-pyrazolo[1,5-a]-1,3,5-triazine (**B15**)

**Combination 21:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A4**)

- 10 Combined anti-cancer agent = 8-bromo-2-(1*R*-isopropyl-2-hydroxyethylamino)-4-(3-fluorophenylmethylamino)-pyrazolo[1,5-a]-1,3,5-triazine (**B8**)

**Combination 22:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-(2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)-5-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione (**A5**)

- 15 Combined anti-cancer agent = 8-bromo-2-(1*R*-isopropyl-2-hydroxyethylamino)-4-(3-pyridylmethylamino)pyrazolo[1,5-a]-1,3,5-triazine (**B16**)

**Combination 23:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A3**)

- 20 Combined anti-cancer agent = taxol (**B3**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A3 ( $1.25 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A3 ( $1.25 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B3 ( $5 \times 10^{-9}$ M)	Compound B3 ( $5 \times 10^{-9}$ M) individually
91	32	54

**Combination 24:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A3**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = SN-38 (**B11**)

- 5 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A3 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A3 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B11 ( $10^{-8}$ M)	Compound B11 ( $10^{-8}$ M) individually
75	40	73

**Combination 25:**

- 10 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A3**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = mitomycin C (**B2**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A3 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A3 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B2 ( $5 \times 10^{-8}$ M)	Compound B2 ( $5 \times 10^{-8}$ M) individually
84	55	82

**Combination 26:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A3**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = doxorubicin (**B6**)

- 5 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A3 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A3 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B6 ( $10^{-7}$ M)	Compound B6 ( $10^{-7}$ M) individually
73	58	75

**Combination 27:**

- 10 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A3**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = 8-bromo-2-(1R-isopropyl-2-hydroxyethylamino)-4-(3-fluorophenylmethylamino)-pyrazolo[1,5-a]-1,3,5-triazine (**B8**)

- 15 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A3 ( $1.25 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A3 ( $1.25 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B8 ( $10^{-6}$ M)	Compound B8 ( $10^{-6}$ M) individually
89	12	21

**Combination 28:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A3**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = cisplatin (**B4**)

- 5 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A3 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A3 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B4 ( $10^{-5}$ M)	Compound B4 ( $10^{-5}$ M) individually
78	36	75

**Combination 29:**

- 10 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A4**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = taxol (**B3**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A4 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A4 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B3 ( $5 \times 10^{-9}$ M)	Compound B3 ( $5 \times 10^{-9}$ M) individually
94	33	51

- 15 **Combination 30:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A4**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = SN-38 (**B11**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B11 ( $10^{-8}$ M)	Compound B11 ( $10^{-8}$ M) individually
78	42	67

**Combination 31:**

- 5 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A4**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = diflomotecan (**B12**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

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Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B12 ( $10^{-9}$ M)	Compound B12 ( $10^{-9}$ M) individually
79	58	89

**Combination 32:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A4**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = mitomycin C (**B2**)

- 15 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B2 ( $5 \times 10^{-8}$ M)	Compound B2 ( $5 \times 10^{-8}$ M) individually
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74	83	88
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**Combination 33:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A4**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = mitomycin C (**B2**)

- 5 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B2 ( $5 \times 10^{-8}$ M)	Compound B2 ( $5 \times 10^{-8}$ M) individually
74	83	88

**Combination 34:**

10 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A4**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = 5-fluorouracil (**B1**)

The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B1 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-6}$ M)	Compound B1 ( $2.5 \times 10^{-6}$ M) individually
75	34	51



**Combination 35:**

Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A4**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = cisplatin (**B4**)

- 5 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B4 ( $10^{-5}$ M)	Compound B4 ( $10^{-5}$ M) individually
71	43	85

**Combination 36:**

- 10 Cdc25 phosphatase inhibitor = 2-methyl-5-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-4,7-dione benzoate (**A4**)

Combined anti-cancer agent = (1*R*)-1-[(*(2R)*-2-amino-3-[(*(8S)*-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-7(*8H*)-yl]-3-oxopropyl} dithio)methyl)-2-[(*(8S)*-8-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-phenyl-5,6-dihydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-7(*8H*)-yl]-2-oxoethylamine tetrahydrochloride (**B9**)

- 15 The results in the cell proliferation test described above (expressed in % of surviving cells) for the above-mentioned compounds individually or in combination are set out in the table below.

Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) individually	Compound A4 ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ M) + compound B9 ( $5 \times 10^{-6}$ M)	Compound B9 ( $5 \times 10^{-6}$ M) individually
78	51	80